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AND  
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

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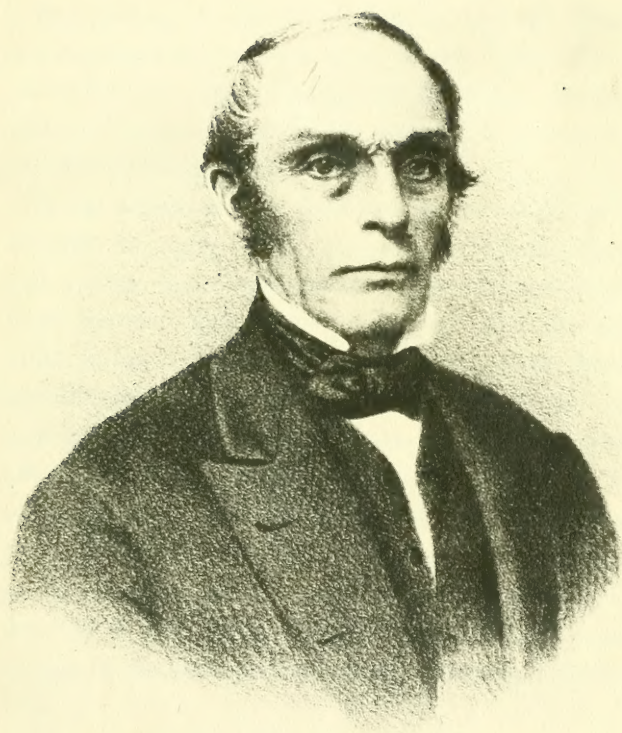
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## INTRODUCTION.

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ONE year ago I came to Warsaw to visit old friends before my departure for my new home in the West. While here, I was solicited to write a history of this town. Having formed plans and purposes which I was desirous to pursue, I hesitated to make an engagement.

It was suggested that there was no citizen of the town in a situation favorable to his engaging in such an undertaking; and, further, that a personal knowledge of the principal events to be recorded, and a personal acquaintance with the inhabitants during a period of more than fifty years, including an almost continuous residence in the town for forty years, commencing about twelve years after its first settlement, would afford material advantages in writing its history. A number of the older and more prominent citizens met for consultation, and decided in favor of the proposition. Considering the project a patriotic and a commendable one, and being myself desirous to see a written history of the town, I consented to engage in the undertaking, and proceeded immediately to the task.

It may be asked, "Why fill so large a volume with the history of a single town? Why devote so much space to stories which have become familiar from their frequent recital by our parents and grand-parents?" These questions admit of ready answers.

There is scarcely a town settled for fifty years that can not furnish the material for such a volume. Many remember with what interest they listened to the tales of pioneer life from the lips of their ancestors. Before the present generation shall have passed away, not an individual will be left to relate the experiences of the early settlers which have so deeply interested us. This interest will not abate with the lapse of time. The *written* narrative of the incidents of "life in the woods," will be no less grateful to those who come after us, than was the *oral* relation to ourselves.

Hence, to commemorate the events and occurrences of the past—to transmit to our descendants a faithful and true history of our own times—is a *duty*. And many who shall receive such history will esteem it as the most valuable portion of their inheritance. Without it, little will be known except what shall have come down to them by tradition, always imperfect and unreliable. Nor should we overlook the consideration, that works of this kind will prove a source of valuable information to future historians.

Some of the events noticed may be deemed unimportant. As isolated facts, perhaps, they possess no great importance. A man's character is formed, in great part, by a combination of numerous traits scarcely noticeable, separate and alone. So the *aggregate* of the many minor incidents constitutes a material part of the most valuable histories. Yet nothing has been admitted into this work that was not designed to contribute to its interest or value.

I respectfully invite the attention of the reader to some of the chief characteristics of this work.

This is not simply a history of the town of Warsaw. A large portion of its matter is of general interest. It traces the title of the Holland Land Company back to the crown of Great Britain, through the conflicting claims of States and grants of

British kings. The early settlement of this town, the privations and hardships of its first settlers, its progress in wealth and in social and intellectual improvement, and the general character of its inhabitants, find a counterpart in nearly every town on the Holland Purchase; and its history will be read with scarcely less satisfaction in other towns than in our own.

Ecclesiastical History is a conspicuous feature of the work, and can not fail to interest a large portion of its readers. It comprises historical sketches of all the churches and organized religious societies in this town, including the dates of their respective organizations, the names of their ministers and church officers, the building of their houses of worship, and other matters of interest.

The War History also occupies a prominent place in the work. It records the acts and proceedings of the citizens in aiding the war for the Union, the names of all who enlisted in the service from this town, the dates and terms of their enlistment, and the wounds and other disabilities, death, imprisonment, or discharge of each. No part of the work, it is believed, will be read with greater or more general satisfaction.

Family Sketches and Biographical Notes fill a large space in the volume—larger than was originally intended. The limit prescribed to these sketches was from time to time extended, until the number of families noted—including the original families and their branches—is about fifteen hundred, and the number of names about *four thousand*. Yet there are many others whose sketches would have been cheerfully inserted had the necessary facts been communicated.

Among the prominent characteristics of this history is the religious feature. It has been my purpose to present to our descendants a correct view of the moral and religious character of their ancestors. Many will regard the “savor of a good name” transmitted by parents, as the most valuable portion of

their patrimony. Considering a public profession of religion as an honorable act, and, when adorned by a corresponding deportment, as the best expression of moral excellence, I have, in the sketches of this class of our people, generally noted the fact of such profession and the name of the church with which each is or has been connected.

The interest in this enterprise manifested by the citizens of this town, and by many in other towns of this county, gives promise of a favorable reception of the work. Many have long been anxiously awaiting its appearance. Dependent upon a hundred persons for information, much time was spent in collecting material. The statements of different persons did not in all cases agree; and much inquiry often became necessary to ascertain the facts. Of the adult settlers of the first three years, only three remain in town. From them much valuable information has been obtained. Among those who came a few years later, are many to whom my acknowledgments are due for the numerous important facts which they have communicated, and for the interest taken in this enterprise.

Special mention should be made of the assistance of Hon. AUGUSTUS FRANK. His interest in the work from the beginning has been unabated; and he has aided essentially in gathering material. His knowledge of the business interests of the town enabled him to furnish many facts relating to this branch of our history; and many of the most interesting subjects have been introduced at his suggestion. And the whole expense incurred in the preparation and publication of this work, has been assumed by himself and his fellow-citizen, JOSHUA H. DARLING, Esq.\*

There are many other citizens who deserve favorable notice. Regarding the enterprise as creditable to the town, and appre-

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\* Since the foregoing "Introduction" was written, Mr. Darling died at his residence, in Warsaw, March 21, 1869.



ciating the patriotism and liberality of the gentlemen who were carrying it forward, they have not been content with the purchase of single copies for their respective family libraries, but have subscribed for a number of copies each. Many, not among the more wealthy class of our citizens, have given their names for three to five, others for ten or more, for distribution among their children and other friends.

The work is unusually well supplied with Tables of Reference, the want of which, in many books, is a serious defect. Besides a copious TABLE OF CONTENTS in the usual place, and a GENERAL INDEX in the latter part of the volume, there is an INDEX OF NAMES, with references to the pages on which each name occurs. This enables any person whose name is in this Index to see readily with what subjects in the body of the work his name is connected.

Not the least important characteristic of the work is the style in which it appears. Its mechanical execution—printing, binding, the portraits, (except the few on steel,) the views of churches and residences, and the Warsaw Falls, have all been done by the Lithographing, Printing and Manufacturing Company of Messrs. Sage, Sons & Co., of Buffalo, and compares favorably with similar work done in eastern cities.

Great pains have been taken to present this History to the public without errors. Perfect accuracy, however, in works of this kind, has perhaps never been attained; writers being necessarily dependent for information upon others whose memories are not in all cases correct. It is not strange, therefore, that, among the thousands of names and dates in this work, there should be some errors.

There may be persons who, on looking for sketches of their families, will be disappointed. After a large number had been written, the material of which had been procured only at the expense of much time and labor, notice was given in the vil-

lage papers, that sketches would be prepared by the writer for persons desiring them, if furnished with the necessary information. No applications have been rejected.

Notice was also given, that the Portraits of all who would furnish them at their own expense, would be inserted. A greater number than was expected have accepted the proposition, and thus contributed to the embellishment of the work, and to the gratification of their friends and descendants.

From the peculiar nature of this History, its preparation has required an amount of labor, and been attended with difficulties not anticipated at the commencement. It is hoped that it may meet the reasonable expectations of its patrons.

A. W. Y.

WARSAW, March, 1869.

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# HISTORY OF WARSAW.

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## CIVIL HISTORY.

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### HOLLAND PURCHASE.

#### PRELIMINARY HISTORY.

THE tract of country called New England, granted in 1620 by James I., King of England, to the Plymouth Company, extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. This grant was substantially confirmed by William and Mary, in 1691, by a second charter specifying the territory granted as lying between 42 deg. 5 min. and 44 deg. 15 min. north latitude.

Previously, however, to the latter grant, Charles I. (1663) granted to the Duke of York and Albany the province of New York extending to the Canada line. Its eastern boundary was a line twenty miles east of the Hudson river; its extent westward was not definitely stated. Under these conflicting grants a dispute subsequently arose between Massachusetts and New York, as to the extent of their respective territorial rights and jurisdiction. This controversy was not settled until several years after the Revolution.

To those who are not familiar with our political history, it may be necessary to state, that, by way of aiding the General Government in paying the public debt incurred during the war, the states ceded to the United States their western lands. The states of New York and Massachusetts, the latter in 1785, the former a little earlier, ceded their right to all the

lands west of a line running south from the westerly bend of Lake Ontario. This left nearly 20,000 square miles of territory still in dispute. In 1786, the controversy was submitted to a convention of commissioners. In accordance with their decision, Massachusetts ceded to New York all claim to the government, sovereignty, and jurisdiction of all the territory west of the present line of the state of New York, and New York ceded to Massachusetts the præmption right or fee of the land, subject to the title of the natives, of all that part of the state of New York lying west of a line beginning at a point on the north line of Pennsylvania, 82 miles west of the north-east corner of said state; and running thence due north through Seneca Lake to Lake Ontario, excepting a mile's breadth along the east bank of the Niagara river. The land, the præmption right of which was thus ceded, amounted to about (6,000,000) six million acres, for which the sum of (\$1,000,000) one million dollars was to be paid in three annual installments.

In April, 1788, Massachusetts sold the præmption right to these lands to Oliver Phelps and Nathaniel Gorham of that state, as representatives of an association of persons. In July, 1788, Gorham and Phelps purchased the Indian title to about 2,600,000 acres of the eastern part of their purchase from Massachusetts. The western boundary of these lands was a line running from the north line of Pennsylvania north to the junction of the Canaseraga creek and the Genesee river; thence northwardly along the said river to a point two miles north of Canawaugus village; thence northwardly twelve miles distant from the river to Lake Ontario. This tract, the Indian title to which had been extinguished by Phelps and Gorham, was, in November, 1788, conveyed and quit-claimed to them, and is that which has been designated as the "Phelps and Gorham Purchase." The survey of the tract into townships and lots was immediately commenced; and within the space of two years about fifty townships had been disposed of, principally by whole townships or large portions of townships,

to individuals and companies. In November, 1790, the proprietors, reserving to themselves two townships only, sold the remainder of their tract, embracing about a million and a quarter acres, to Robert Morris, of Philadelphia, who soon sold the same to Sir William Pultney, an Englishman.

## THE COMPANY'S TITLE.

A minute history of the acquirement of title by the Holland Company to the lands known as the "Holland Purchase," can not be given in this work. A few of the principal facts must suffice:

Phelps and Gorham, having paid about one-third of the purchase money of the entire tract purchased of Massachusetts, were unable to make further payments. They had stipulated to pay in a kind of scrip, or "consolidated stock," issued by that state. This scrip they could buy at 70 or 80 per cent. below par. When they had paid about one-third of the purchase money, this stock had risen to par, at which they were unable to fulfill their engagements. An arrangement between the parties was negotiated by which Phelps and Gorham relinquished their remaining lands to Massachusetts, and Massachusetts relinquished to Phelps and Gorham their bonds for the payment of the purchase money.

In March, 1791, Massachusetts agreed to sell to Samuel Ogden, agent for Robert Morris, all the lands ceded to that state by New York, except that part which had been conveyed by Massachusetts to Phelps and Gorham. In May, 1791, these lands were conveyed by Robert Morris, in five deeds, in strips or parcels extending across the breadth of the state from Pennsylvania line north. The first deed included all the territory east of the east line of the Holland Purchase. This tract, retained by Morris in his sale to the Holland Company, took the name of the "Morris Reserve." The second deed covered a breadth of sixteen miles; the third and fourth deeds each a tract of the same breadth; and the fifth all the lands in the state west of the land conveyed by the fourth deed.

The reason for conveying the land by three separate deeds is, that there were three separate branches of the Holland Company. But to simplify the transaction of business with the settlers, they appointed one general agent for the whole. Says Turner, in his History of the Holland Purchase:

“Although these deeds of conveyance were given to three distinct companies of proprietors, their interests were closely blended. Several of the same persons having large interests in the three different estates, they appointed one general agent for the whole, who managed the concerns of the tract generally, as though it all belonged to the same proprietors, making no distinction which operated the least on the settlers and purchasers, but simply keeping the accounts of each separate when practicable, and apportioning, *pro rata*, all expenses when blended in the same transaction for the benefit of the whole. The general agent likewise appointed one local agent for the three companies.” In executing contracts and conveyances, however, the agents used the names of the respective proprietors of each tract.

As the Hollanders, being aliens, could not buy and hold real estate in their own names, the lands were conveyed for their benefit to trustees. They were, however, afterwards conveyed, by sanction of the legislature, to the proprietors in their own names.

At the time of the sale by Morris to the Holland Company and to purchasers of his other tracts, the Indian title to these lands had not yet been extinguished; which, however, he was bound by his contract to do as soon as possible. In 1797, at a council of the Senecas, held near Geneseo, the Indian title to these lands was extinguished, except the Gardeau, Caneadea, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Buffalo, Tonawanda, and several other and smaller reservations. Few of these remain.

#### THE COMPANY'S SURVEY.

Joseph Ellicott had been engaged by the general agent of the Holland Company to attend this council as one of the

agents of the Company, and chosen as principal surveyor of the Company's lands; a business upon which he promptly entered, with his brother, Benjamin Ellicott, as assistant-surveyor, and the requisite number of hands. The first thing necessary was to establish correctly the east line of the Purchase, starting from the Pennsylvania line. The way in which this was done is thus described by Mr. Turner:

"To run a true meridian by the surveyor's compass, Mr. Ellicott knew to be impracticable; he therefore determined to run this line by an instrument having for its basis the properties of the 'Transit instrument,' made use of to observe the *transits* of the heavenly bodies, improved for this purpose by a newly invented manner of accurately arriving at the same. An instrument possessing these qualities was manufactured by his brother Benjamin Ellicott, as no instrument possessing all the qualities desired was then to be found in the United States."

But in order to the successful use of the instrument, it became necessary to cut a vista through the woods on the highlands and on the level ground sufficiently wide to admit a clear and uninterrupted view. The vista so cut was three or four rods wide. Thus with this instrument, by astronomical observations, was a true meridian line established, from which this line has derived its familiar name of "Transit."

Most of the Purchase has been divided into townships six miles square, in tiers or ranges, numbered from east to west. The townships in the several ranges are numbered from south to north. The townships were subdivided into lots or sections three-fourths of a mile square, making eight tiers of eight lots each, the lots being numbered from south to north, commencing with the east tier. The lots, by an accurate measurement, would contain 360 acres each. But the number of acres in the different lots varies considerably, a very few in this town containing more, but most of them less, than 360 acres.

The Holland Purchase, at the time it passed into the hands



of its foreign proprietors, and for several years afterwards, was in the county of Ontario, which embraced all the territory in the state of New York west of the line running north and south through Seneca lake.

#### ERECTION AND DIVISION OF GENESEE COUNTY.

Genesee county was formed from Ontario, March 30, 1802. It comprised all that part of the state lying west of Genesee river and a line extending due south from the point of the junction of that river and the Canaseraga creek, to the south line of the state. Allegany county was taken from Genesee in 1806; Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Niagara in 1808; parts of Livingston and Monroe in 1821; Orleans in 1824; and Wyoming in 1841.

The town of Batavia was formed March 30, 1802, the date of the erection of the county of Genesee, and comprised the whole of the Holland Purchase.

April 11, 1804, was formed from Batavia the town of Chautauqua, embracing all the territory now constituting the county of Chautauqua. At the same time were taken from Batavia the towns of Willink and Erie, the latter, now called Newstead, comprising, it is believed, but a single township; the two comprising all the territory now lying within the counties of Niagara and Erie.

March 19, 1808, Warsaw was formed from Batavia. It comprised the present towns of Middlebury, Warsaw, and Gainesville. At the same time Sheldon was formed from Batavia, and embraced all the other townships of the Holland Purchase within the county of Wyoming at the time of its formation. [The towns of Eagle, Pike, and Genesee Falls, from Allegany, were annexed to Wyoming in 1846.] In 1811, Attica was formed from Sheldon, and embraced the present towns of Attica, Orangeville, and Wethersfield. Orangeville was formed in 1816 from Attica, and Wethersfield from Orangeville, April 12, 1823. Bennington was formed from Sheldon, March 6, 1818, and China, March 6,

1818. On April 20, 1832, Java was formed from China, and and in 1866, the name of China was changed to Arcade.

June 8, 1812, Ridgeway, comprising all the Holland Company's lands within the present county of Orleans, was formed from Batavia; also Pembroke, Alexander, Bethany, and Bergen, which are still a part of Genesee county; and March 14, 1820, Elba, and March 24, 1820, Stafford, in part. The last town mentioned was formed from Batavia and Le Roy.

Genesee county, at the time of its formation, contained four towns, namely: Northampton, Southampton, Leicester, and Batavia. The first three embraced all the territory within the county lying east of the Purchase—Northampton the north part, Southampton the south part, Leicester the territory lying between them, and Batavia the whole Holland Purchase. The first Board of Supervisors of Genesee county was composed of Simon King, representing Northampton; Christopher Laybourn, Southampton; John H. Jones, Leicester; and Peter Vandeventer, the town of Batavia.

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## TOPOGRAPHY OF WARSAW.

The town of Warsaw, in the county of Wyoming, is situated in latitude 42 deg. and about 45 min. north, and in longitude 1 deg. and about 20 min. west of Washington. Its center is about six miles north-east from the geographical center of the county, of which it is the county town. It is a part of the tract known as the Holland Purchase. It is six miles square, and is designated in the Holland Company's survey, as Township Number Nine, Range First of townships. It is bounded on the north by Middlebury, west by Orangeville, south by Gainesville, and east by Perry. Its altitude is above tide water about fifteen hundred feet.

This town is about two hundred and fifty miles west of Albany, four hundred north-westerly from the city of New

York, forty-five south-easterly from Buffalo, and forty-two south-westerly from Rochester. All these places are accessible by railroad. The Erie Railway passes through the town, north and south, and crosses the Genesee river over the famed Portage Bridge near the south-eastern corner of the county. The two principally traveled roads run north and south and east and west through the village, which is in the center of the town. The latter of these roads is the old stage road to Buffalo.

The soil of this town is strong and productive. In its original state it was heavily covered with various kinds of hard wood, mostly beech and maple, intermixed, in some parts, with elm, bass-wood, and in a few places with oak, ash, and hemlock. All the land, except what has been reserved for "wood lots," has been cleared and improved, and compares favorably with that of adjoining towns in quality.

The town is centrally divided, north and south, by a valley through which passes the O-at-ka creek, a stream sufficient to propel mills and machinery. Owing to its extensive water-shed on each side, it often assumes great proportions. The valley varies from half a mile to a mile in width.

The surface of the town presents gentle slopes from its east and west lines until they approach the valley, when the declivities increase in steepness, descending from three hundred to five hundred feet in a distance of one mile.

The soil is well adapted to tilling and pasturage. The bottom lands especially are fertile, producing luxuriant crops of grass and grain. There is little waste land in the town. The hill sides along the valley, though in some places steep, are tillable. Wheat, corn, and the coarser grains of fair yield are produced in all parts of the town. The plum, cherry, pear, and quince thrive well; and apples are produced in abundance, large quantities being shipped, nearly every year, to distant markets. Most of the orchards are grafted with choice varieties of fruit.

The whole town is well watered with springs and rivulets





*Elbridge Webster*

*Sketch p. 347*



tending to the valley through numerous ravines, and emptying into the O-at-ka. The largest stream entering the valley within the town, heads in Orangeville; its two principal branches uniting a short distance east of the west line of Warsaw. A few rods below the place where it is crossed by the Erie Railway, it passes over a precipice ninety feet in height through a wild, rocky gorge, and enters the O-at-ka in the south part of the village. These falls and the surrounding scenery have been highly admired by visitors from distant parts of the country, and have been pronounced by many to be superior, in point of beauty and interest, to many of the more widely celebrated natural curiosities. When the ravine below shall have been cleared, and a convenient foot road or walk constructed, as is contemplated, this can hardly fail to attract the attention of travelers, and to become the frequent and favorite resort of our own citizens.

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## SETTLEMENT OF WARSAW.

The present town of Warsaw is distinguished in the survey of the Holland Purchase, as Township No. 9, Range First. The settlement of this town was commenced by Elizur Webster, of Hampton, Washington Co., N. Y., in 1803. Having duly traversed the township with a view to the selection of a situation, he decided to settle within its limits. The internal survey and division into lots had not yet been made. He wished to find the center of the township; and having made a measuring line of elm or bass-wood bark, he started from the south line of No. 10, at the point equidistant from the south-east and south-west corners, and run by a compass due south three miles, and, it is said, with such accuracy as to vary but a very few rods from the center afterwards determined by actual survey. He then proceeded to the Land-Office at Batavia to negotiate a purchase. But Mr. Ellicott, the agent, refused to order a survey to be made for his accommodation,

saying, that applications were constantly being made for unsurveyed lands, when there was a plenty of good lands already surveyed.

Among the early settlers there were very few who were able to pay down any portion of the purchase money. Mr. Ellicott, having learned that the applicant whose importunities he had for one or two days resisted, could command about a thousand dollars in money, of which one-half or more he was ready to pay on the execution of the contract, very readily consented, and forthwith ordered the desired survey.

Mr. Webster's purchase included nine or ten lots, containing more than 3,000 acres, lying mostly along and in the valley of O-at-ka creek. The contract price was \$1.50 per acre. Mr. Ellicott, not having been well informed concerning the lands in this township, was deeply chagrined on learning that he had unwittingly disposed of a great portion of the best land in the township at the lowest price. Most of Mr. Webster's purchase was made on credit; or, as was sometimes done, the land was "booked" to him for a trifling sum, not exceeding a dollar a lot, for a specific term—six months, more or less—during which time he might sell to other parties at an advanced price. He sold most of these lands to settlers at a small advance of fifty cents per acre; they usually assuming his contract at the land-office by taking an article as original purchasers, and paying him his additional charge. His contract bears date June 20, 1803.

Mr. Webster immediately entered upon his purchased possession. He made a small opening in the forest, and built a log-house a few rods back of the present site of the Baptist church. Being the only settler, he must, it is presumed, have gone a considerable distance for help to raise his cabin. The nearest settlement was in No. 10, at the place now known as "Wright's Corners," in Middlebury. The writer has been told by an old settler, that the house was raised by the help of the "choppers" then at work in opening the "Old Buffalo Road," which passes through the town east and west, a mile

and a half north of the village. The house was one of the rudest of its kind. As usual, the fire-place was without jambs, and the aperture for the passage of the smoke was of sufficient capacity to give the house a tolerable lighting from above. The roof was of elm bark; and the floor of split bass-wood plank, hewn on one side. There was neither board nor nail in the whole structure.

Mr. Webster returned to Hampton, and in October removed to Warsaw with his family and effects, having a wife and five children to share with him the privations and hardships incident to pioneer life, as well as their anticipated rewards. He came in with two teams, one of them a team of horses driven by himself; the other, two yoke of oxen driven alternately by Shubael Morris and Amos Keeney, who came to seek new homes on the Purchase. They were either accompanied or immediately followed by Lyman Morris, also from Hampton. They came by the way of Le Roy and the new settlement already mentioned, now known as Wright's Corners, in Middlebury. This settlement had been commenced the year previous by Jabish Warren, who had opened a way from Le Roy sufficient to admit the passage of a team. Besides Mr. Warren, there were then in that settlement, (1803,) Joseph Selleck, Frederick Gilbert, Israel M. Dewey, Reuben Chamberlain, and Amzi Wright.

## FIRST SALES OF LANDS.

The following is a statement of the names of the original or first purchasers and occupants of the lands in this town, the dates of their contracts, the numbers of the lots and parts of lots purchased by each, and to whom sold, &c. By purchase and sale of lands from and to each other by the early settlers; it is not to be understood that the lands were conveyed by deed and mortgage. Few, indeed, had paid for their lands. Most of them held land only under articles of agreement from the Land Company, and could not convey them by deed. The seller, for a consideration paid him for his improvements or

his "chance," so called, assigned his article to the purchaser, who, by this act, became entitled to all the rights, and liable for the fulfillment of all the obligations, of the original contractor or purchaser. In the statement which follows, the date of the contract is in many cases a considerable time either before or after the settler entered upon his land. When the intervening period between such entry and the date of the contract is known, the fact is stated.

1803, June 20, Elizur Webster, lot 25; 336 acres. Sold to John, Jeremiah, and Solomon Truesdell.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, lot 27; 343 acres. Sold to Solomon Morris, Jr., south third, 114 acres; John Morris, middle third, 115 acres; Silas C. Fargo, north third, 114 acres.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, lot 32; 335 acres. Sold to Simeon, Gurdon, and Josiah Hovey, Jun. Articles dated June 20, 1803. Settled on the land in the spring of 1804.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, lot 35; 349 acres. Sold to Jonas Cutting, south part, 175 acres; Wm. Knapp, north part, 174 acres. Articles dated Nov. 21, 1806.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, south part lot 36; 160 acres. Sold in parts to Joseph Palmer, 101 acres; to John Munger, 50. Articles dated July 22, 1806.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, north part lot 36; 163 acres.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, south part lot 38; 200 acres.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, south part lot 43; 182½ acres. Sold to Joseph Palmer; article dated June 21, 1813. New article Feb. 23, 1827, to Jonathan F. Hibbard, Nathan Scovel, John B. Royce, and deed to Wm. Shipman.

1803, June 20, E. Webster, north part lot 43.

1801, June 20, E. Webster, lot 37 and part of lot 38; 499 acres.

1803, June 20, Jabish Warren, lot 26; 347 acres. Sold north third to Solomon Morris. Article dated June 20, 1807.

- 1803, June 20, Jabish Warren, north part lot 28; 214 acres.  
Sold to Nehemiah Fargo.
- 1803, June 20, Jabish Warren, south part lot 28; 107 acres.  
Sold to Joseph Palmer.
- 1803, July 19, Daniel Curtis, lot 39; 366 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres. July 19, 1813, new articles; west part, 200 acres, to Josiah Jewett; south-east part, 80 acres, to Nehemiah Fargo; north-east part, 86 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, to Nehemiah Fargo.
- 1803, August 24, Elijah Cutting, lot 29; 339 acres. Settled on it near the site of the Brick Hotel. Sold in parts to Micah Marchant, Elkanah Day, and Nehemiah Fargo. Deeds from the Company, to Unicy Marchant, north-west part, 98 acres; to Daniel Rumsey, 21 acres; to Samuel McWhorter, 73 acres; to Elam Perkins, 83 acres; to Anson A. Perkins, 17 acres.
- 1803, October 29, Josiah Hovey, Jun., part lot 24; 190 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres.
- 1804, January 10, Sterling Stearns, south part lot 2; 160 acres. Mr. Stearns was one of the first settlers at Wright's Corners.
- 1804, April 24, Josiah Boardman, north part lot 1; 126 acres. Article renewed April 25, 1814.
- 1804, July 31, Josiah Hovey, Sen., south part lot 31; 107 acres.
- 1804, July 31, Josiah Jewett, north part lot 31; 230 acres. Mr. Jewett resided on his farm until his death.
- 1804, November 29, Linus Warner, lot 9; 346 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres. He did not settle upon his lot until 1806. A new article was taken Nov. 30, 1814. Sold in 1820 to Samuel Warner, 115 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres.
- 1805, Jan. 25, Nehemiah Fargo, west part lot 30; 100 acres.
- 1805, July 15, Parley Chapman and Alden Keith, east half lot 6; 177 acres. New article July 15, 1815, to Jabez Chapman.
- 1805, September 5, Lot Marchant, north part lot 21; 200 acres. He settled on his land in the spring of 1806.



It was paid for and deeded Sept. 1806.

- 1805, October 2, Giles Parker, west third lot 22; 123 acres.  
He settled on it the next spring.
- 1806, Feb. 8, Elizur Webster, lot 53; 337. Sold in 1807 to Hezekiah Wakefield. East part of the lot bought by Zera Tanner in 1809.
- 1806, Feb. 8, Elizur Webster, west part lot 18; 129 acres.
- 1806, April 1, Elizur Webster, lot 10; 341 acres. Bought by Beardsley and Rice.
- 1806, April 1, Gideon T. Jenkins, lots 5 and 13; 728 acres.  
New article in 1816, to Ira Jenkins, Gideon Coon, Daniel H. Throop, Henry L. Brown, Thomas Scott, John Davis.
- 1806, April 15, Isaiah Jaycox, south part lot 1; 125½ acres.  
Bought by Comfort Hayes, 1816.
- 1806, April 15, Gideon Thayer, middle third lot 1; 126 acres.  
New article April 16, 1816, to John Wilcox.
- 1806, June 2, Daniel Ferguson, lot 52; 357 acres. Sold to Abraham Reed, who sold the east half to Isaac Phelps.
- 1806, June 2, Philip Salisbury, for himself and brother Samuel, lot 59; 355 acres. New article June 3, 1816, to Russel Noble; a part of it was bought in 1823, by Luther Foster, and forms part of the farm now owned by his son, Luther Foster.
- 1806, June 12, Ephraim Gates, lot 11; 342 acres. Parts sold to Asahel Barnard, Samuel Baker, Wm. Smallwood, John J. Baker, Wm. Fluker.
- 1806, June 14, Daniel Knapp, north part lot 34; 120 acres.
- 1806, June 19, Elkanah Day, lot 61; 333 acres. Part sold to Luther Parker. June 20, 1816, new article to Thomas Chase, west part; to J. Boomer, middle part; to Ezra Walker, east part.
- 1806, July 21, Aaron Bailey, lot 54; 349 acres. Sold in parts: East part, 100 acres, in June, 1816, to Jonathan Young, a part of which, with the homestead, is now owned by Milton D. Hatch.

- 1806, July 3, Micah Marchant, middle part lot 45; 100 acres.  
He probably never resided on this land. He bought about the same time the north part of lot 29, taken up Elijah Cutting, on which he settled in 1806, at the foot of East Hill, east of the residence of L. W. Thayer.
- 1806, July 3, Elizur Webster, east part lot 45; 159 acres.
- 1806, July 3, Peter W. Harris, west part lot 60; 200 acres.  
Sold to Aaron Bailey, and by him, in June 1816, to Jonathan Young.
- 1806, July 3, Curtis Edgerton, east part lot 60; 144 acres.  
New article, 104 acres to himself; 40 acres to Robert Burdick, which was afterwards sold to David Martin.
- 1806, July 21, Nathan Pierce, west part lot 46; 200 acres.  
He resided on this lot until his death, in 1859.
- 1806, July 21, Nathan Pierce, lot 62; 319 acres. Sold in parts, which have been owned by Roderick Chapin and his sons John, Roderick, Harvey, Ebenezer and Willard. George Snyder bought of Roderick Jun., in 1834, the south-east part, 70 acres.
- 1806, July 21, Aaron Bailey, west part lot 55; 255 acres.  
Sold to Wm. C. Hatch; now owned in part by his son, Wm. T. Hatch.
- 1806, Aug. 22, Stephen James, parts of lots 46, 47, 55; 292 acres. He settled on lot 46; sold the west part of 47 and east part of 55 to Wm. C. Hatch, the latter becoming the homestead, on which his son Walter M. Hatch now resides.
- 1806, Sept. 23, John Utter, Jun., part of lot 2; 100 acres.  
Sold to James Beardsley, Sept. 24, 1816.
- 1806, Nov. 1, Shubael Morris, south third lot 34; 112 acres.  
Sold Nov. 2, 1816, to Wm. Webster.
- 1806, Nov. 1, Gideon R. Truesdell, north part lot 33; 166 acres. Sold to Simeon R. Glazier.
- 1806, Dec. 31, Nehemiah Fargo, west third lot 19; 120 acres.
- 1807, Jan. 3, George Densmore, south part lot 33; 164 acres.  
Sold about 10 years ago, and removed to Sharon, Wis.

- 1807, May 20, Silas Wethy, south-east part lot 30; 116 acres.  
A part sold to Anson A. Perkins. (?)
- 1807, May 21, Lot Marchant, south part lot 21; 187 acres.  
Sold to Daniel H. Throop 56 acres.
- 1807, May 21, Eliphalet Parker, east part lot 22; 246 acres.  
New article, May, 1817, to Samuel Hale, 50 acres; to  
Cynthia Parker, 50 acres; to Lyman Parker, 146 acres.
- 1807, June 12, Solomon Morris, Jun., middle part lot 34; 119  
acres.
- 1807, June 6, Chester Richards, east part lot 17; 256 acres.  
New article to Lemuel Williams, and by him sold to  
Wm. Patterson.
- 1807, June 27, Solomon Morris, Sen., north third lot 26; 116  
acres, of Jabish Warren.
- 1807, July 24, David Keeler, lot 44; 371 acres. Sold Sept.  
14, 1807, to Abraham Reed and Absalom Green. New  
article, July 25, 1817, to Russel Noble.
- 1807, Aug. 24, Daniel Wing, lot 56; 353 acres. Sold north  
300 acres to Loami Hall.
- 1807, Oct. 12, Ebenezer Munger, west part lot 42; 100 acres.  
New article, Oct. 13, 1817, to John Parrey.
- 1807, Oct. 12, Ebenezer Munger, part lot 42; 228 acres.  
New article, Oct. 13, 1817, to Hezekiah Scovel, 144  
acres.
- 1807, Oct. 12, Simeon Gibson, lot 41 and part of 42; 408  
acres. New article, Oct. 13, 1817, to Elijah Hurd,  
Shubael Morris, Hervey Gibson, Hezekiah Scovel.
- 1808, Jan. 17, Elkanah Day, lot 51; 333 acres. New article,  
to Warham Walker, David Martin, and Samuel Salis-  
bury.
- 1808, April 13, Nathan Pierce, part lot 46; 50 acres. New  
article, April 14, 1818, to John C. Curtis.
- 1808, June 1, Flavel Kingsley, lot 58; 367 acres. New article,  
June 2, 1818, to Chauncey L. Sheldon.
- 1808, June 1, Seth Carpenter, south half of east two-thirds  
lot —; 132 acres. New article, June 2, 1818, to Sam-  
uel Barnard and Leverett Hitchcock.

- 1808, Aug. 13, Suel Hovey, north two-thirds lot 8; 244 acres.  
New article, Aug. 15, 1818, to Alvin Hovey and Eliphalet Hovey.
- 1808, Sept. 26, Ziba Hovey, east part 16; 120 acres. New article, in parts to Suel Hovey and Josiah Hovey, Jun., Sept. 28, 1818.
- 1808, Oct. 1, Linus Giddings, north half lot 14; 166 acres.  
New article, to Anson A. Perkins, Oct. 2, 1818.
- 1808, Oct. 1, Thomas Sherman, north half lot 14; 166 acres.  
Oct. 2, 1818, new article to Lester Giddings.
- 1808, Oct. 5, Hiram Hoyt, west third lot 49; 113 acres. Oct. 6, 1818, new article, in parts, to Ichabod T. Murray and Joel Wethy.
- 1808, Oct. 5, Hervey Gibson, middle third lot 49; 113 acres.  
Oct 6, 1818, new article, in parts, to David Hawley and Horace C. Sharp.
- 1808, Oct. 5, Hervey Gibson, east third lot 49; 113 acres.  
Oct. 6, 1818, new article, in parts, to David Hawley and Samuel Bedow.
- 1808, Oct. 5, Wm. S. Stone, lot 57;  $375\frac{1}{2}$  acres. Oct. 6, 1818, new article, to Isaac Stone, Loren Seeley, Benj. Seeley, Jun., Abijah Stearns.
- 1808, Oct. 7, Daniel Fuller, Jun., east two-thirds lot 18; 258 acres. New articles to Elijah King, Lemuel Williams, Leverett Hitchcock.
- 1809, April 22, Noah Willis, lot 7; 364 acres. Article renewed 1819, to Barnabas Rice and Nathan Snow.
- 1809, May 11, Jonathan Miller, lot 15; 345 acres. New article, May 12, 1819, to Henry Hibbard, David Hovey, Ebenezer Smith, Alvin Hovey.
- 1809, Oct. 23, James Hitchcock, south part lot 20; 125 acres.  
New article, Oct. 24, 1817, to Ebenezer Hitchcock; from him to Elijah Chamberlain, 1828.
- 1809, Oct. 23, Chester Richards, north part lot 20; 248 acres.  
New article, Oct. 24, 1817, to Jacob Glazier, Anson Richards, Chester Richards.

- 1809, Nov. 14, Thos. Morris, lot 50; 347 acres. New article, Nov. 15, 1819, to Eleazer Taylor, David Seymour, Jun.
- 1810, April 7, Stephen James, east half lot 64; 149 acres.
- 1810, March 22, Abraham W. Brown, north part lot 4; 112 acres. March 23, 1820, new article to John Sharp.
- 1810, March 22, Stephen G. Brown, middle lot 4; 112 acres. March 23, 1820, new articles to Ezekiel Hamlin, Lot Marchant.
- 1810, Dec. 14, Silas C. Fargo, east part lot 19; 132 acres. Dec. 15, 1820, article renewed to Charles B. Richards.
- 1811, Jan. 25, Levi Rice, east part lot 2; 100 acres. Aug. 28, 1823, new articles to Shubael Goodspeed, Eldridge Beardsley.
- 1811, Jan. 28, Nehemiah Fargo, part lot 30; 60 acres. Jan. 29, 1829, new article to John H. Reddish.
- 1811, March 12, Joseph Logan, north-west part lot 48; 120 acres. March 13, 1819, new articles to self and to Hampton Crandall.
- 1811, March 12, Samuel Spalding, south-west part lot 48; 120 acres. March 13, 1819, new article to Nathan Pierce.
- 1811, April 29, (?) 1819, new articles to Ira Craw and John Cook.
- 1811, Sept. 9, Thomas Stutson, east third lot 3; 125 acres. Sept. 10, 1819, new article to John Sharp.
- 1811, Sept. 9, John Bisby, middle third lot 3; 125 acres. Sept. 10, 1819, new article to Peter Sharp, Alexander Stone.
- 1812, March 20, Ziba Hovey, part lot 24; 50 acres. Sold to Josiah Hovey.
- 1812, March 20, Ziba Hovey, part lot 24; 50 acres. Sold to Lyman Morris.
- 1812, July 11, David Griffis, west part lot 6; 75 acres.
- 1812, July 11, David Griffis, part lot 6; 102 acres. July 11, 1822, new article to Cyrus Rice.
- 1812, Nov. 10, John R. Knapp, part lot 23; 100 acres. Sold, 1828, to Julius Whitlock, 50 acres.



- 1812, Nov. 10, Wm. Knapp, north part lot 23; 100 acres.  
July 2, 1823, new article to Harley and Daniel Knapp.
- 1813, April 13, Samuel Whitlock, south-west part lot 23; 100 acres.
- 1813, June 21, Joseph Palmer, south part lot 43; 182½ acres.
- 1813, July 19, Josiah Jewett, west part lot 39; 200 acres.  
July 20, 1819, new articles to Amasa Mynard and Joseph Case.
- 1813, July 19, Nehemiah Fargo, south-east part lot 39; 80 acres.
- 1813, July 19, Nehemiah Fargo, north east part lot 39; 86½ acres.
- 1814, Jan. 10, Levi Stearns, south part lot 2; 160 acres.  
Sold to Elijah and Andrew Blackman.
- 1814, Feb. 17, Josiah Boardman, east part lot 40; 100 acres.  
Feb. 18, 1822, new article to Isaac Boardman. Part sold to Noah Fisk.
- 1814, June 22, Aaron Bailey, middle lot 63; 100 acres.
- 1815, June 15, John H. Reddish, north east part lot 30; 54 acres. Sold to John Wilder in 1829; to Harry Keeney in 1834.
- 1815, June 19, Simeon McWethy, south part lot 4; 144 acres.  
Part sold to Oliver Goodspeed in 1828.
- 1815, July 15, Jabez Chapman, east part lot 6; 177 acres.
- 1815, Sept. 7, Elisha Gay, north west part lot 40; 120 acres.  
Parts sold to John Tripp, Shepard Eastland, Thomas Howes.
- 1815, Oct. 18, Isaac Luce, west part lot 63; 111½ acres. Sold to Chester Perkins.
- 1815, Oct. 21, Ziba Hovey, south part lot 8; 121 acres. Part sold to Prentice Holmes; next to Hewitt Kinney.

As has already been stated, the dates of the contracts, or articles, do not in all cases show the times at which settlers became residents of the town. For example: Josiah Hovey, Jun., is charged on the Land Company's book with Lot 23,

under date of June 20, 1803, being the date of the original purchase by Judge Webster, though Hovey did not buy until several months later; and as the land was bought in his name for himself and his brothers, Simeon and Gurdon, the names of these two do not appear on the book as purchasers of any part of the Lot, or as early settlers. Jonas Cutting is said to have come as early as 1804, though his article was dated Nov. 21, 1806, he having previously contracted with Judge Webster for the land. A number made purchases in 1803, and a few—as did one or two of the Hoveys—built their cabins in the fall; but it does not appear that any families but those of Judge Webster and Shubael Morris, became actual residents that year.

#### PROGRESS OF SETTLEMENT—FIRST BURIAL.

In 1804, a considerable number of families and several unmarried men, came in as settlers. The three Hoveys, just mentioned, came early in the spring, and were followed, a few months later, by their father, with five younger sons, most of them, however, under age; Elijah Cutting, who had bought the year previous; Josiah Jewett, Nchemiah Fargo, Josiah Boardman, Jonas Cutting, William Knapp, Amos Keeney, Lyman Morris, Sterling Stearns, and perhaps others. Sterling Stearns was one of the first settlers at Wright's Corners, but removed from there early in the spring of 1804. On his way from Middlebury with his family, he stopped over night at Mr. Webster's, where one of his children, an infant son of about two years, died of croup. The body was buried by Amos Keeney, Elijah Cutting, and Wm. Webster, the latter being a youth of seventeen living with his brother. They cut away a few trees on the hill, half a mile south, and dug a grave; and as it was a time of high water in the creek, they had to cross it, single file, on a large log, a little north of the hill, one of them carrying under his arm the coffin made of part of a wagon box, there being no other boards in the place. This was the first body buried in the old grave-yard. There was

no one to perform any religious service on the occasion. Mr. Stearns was a soldier of the Revolution; volunteered in the war of 1812, and was killed in the battle of Queenston. The second death in town was that of a son of Nehemiah Fargo, five years old, drowned in the O-at-ka, in the fall of 1804.

In 1805, the number of settlers received but a small increase. Our list of new purchasers contains the names of but three, of whom at least two did not bring in their families until the next year, namely, Giles Parker, and Lot Marchant. Hezekiah Wakefield is said by some to have come in as early as 1805; but we have no certain evidence of his being here previous to the purchase of Lot 53, in 1807, though he probably came earlier.

In 1806, there was a large increase of population, the number having probably more than doubled that year, if the number of new families was equal to the number of land purchases, as it probably was. For, though not all who bought came in the same year, several are known to have come whose purchases are not dated until a year or two later.

#### EXPERIENCE OF SETTLERS—AMOS KEENEY, AND OTHERS.

For several years, settlers had to procure their grain and other provisions at a great distance. The nearest accessible grist-mill was at Le Roy, to and from which, by way of Wright's Corners, over a half-opened road, with an ox-team, was a two or three days' journey. Grist was also sometimes taken to Conesus, six miles east of Geneseo. Most of the settlers were poor, and had spent all their means in getting here, a distance of more than three hundred miles. The experience of Amos Keeney, though a little extraordinary, conveys a tolerably correct idea of the early struggles in the wilderness.

Mr. Keeney, as has already been stated, accompanied Judge Webster to Warsaw in October, 1803, driving one of his teams. He bargained with Mr. Webster for fifty acres of land, now a part of the farm of Samuel Fisher, 2d, which was

to be paid for by clearing ten acres for Webster. The condition of his domestic affairs prevented his staying to build a house; and he traveled back to Hampton on foot, with Lyman Morris, who also had contracted for a farm. He returned in March; built his log cabin; chopped, towards paying for his land, two acres on the north side of what is now Buffalo street, between Main street and the creek; and started again for Hampton, carrying his provisions in a knapsack. Crossing Genesee river, he came near losing his life. Having but ten shillings, and over three hundred miles to travel, he could not afford to pay the ferriage fee of a shilling, and ventured to ford the stream, feeling his way with a long stick. Being a man of small stature, and stumbling over the stones, he found it difficult to maintain his balance amidst the deep and powerful current. Getting his knapsack replenished by a brother in Oneida Co., he was enabled to reach Hampton, having the last day morning paid out his last six-pence for lodging.

In October, he and Lyman Morris came in with their families, Mr. Keeney having a wife and three children, and Mr. Morris a wife and two children. They had but one wagon, which carried all the household goods of both families, with the women and children. The wagon and the team of two yoke of oxen belonged to Morris, who had also three cows, and Keeney one. When within about ten miles of Warsaw, the king-bolt of the wagon broke; and they had to camp in the woods over night. The next morning, a second trial of a wooden bolt having failed, the company started for their destination on foot, leaving the wagon with the goods standing in the woods. Mr. Morris drove his oxen and carried Jonathan, then about two years old. Stephen Perkins drove the cows and carried George, then nearly five years old. Mr. Keeney put on his overcoat, and, by turning up the bottom, formed a kind of knapsack, in which he carried his two eldest children, Betsey and Harry, and his wife carried the baby, about six months old. Mrs. Morris, though she had no child to carry, did not go empty-handed. This is probably the only instance







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known of ten emigrants entering a place, five of them being carried by four of the other five! Morris having got through first and made their situation known, Mr. Webster went to meet the others, and met them a mile and a half north of the village, at the foot of the hill, on the "Old Buffalo Road," then just opened from Leicester. He there relieved Mrs. Keeney of her burden, and escorted the new-comers to his hospitable cabin home.

Mr. Keeney's hardships had just begun. He owed some ten dollars or more for the transportation of his goods. His stock of provisions had been reduced on his arrival to a few pounds of flour and a part of a salt fish. His house was one of the rudest of its kind. It had no chimney other than a wide opening. The fire-place had not even a stone back-wall, the fire being kept at a safe distance from the wooden wall. Their first night's sleep in their new house was disturbed by the howling of wolves, with which the wilderness abounded.

Scanty as was Mrs. Keeney's wardrobe, a flannel skirt was sold to Sterling Stearns for some wheat or flour, and a chintz dress to Josiah Hovey, Sen., for the wear of his eldest daughter, for twelve bushels of corn to be delivered at Geneseo, where Mr. Hovey had raised it the preceding summer. He hired an ox-team to go after his corn. The first settlers had their "milling" chiefly done in Le Roy. But, being, when at Geneseo, within six miles of Bosley's mill on the Conesus outlet, he took his grist to that mill. He had now a tolerable supply of breadstuff; but where could he store it? and how preserve so great a bulk of corn meal from spoiling? He cut from a hollow bass-wood tree several pieces about three feet long, shaved off the bark, and smoothed them inside. He put the meal into these vessels in layers of about two inches deep, separated by layers of clean flat stones. In this way it was preserved, and, with the flour previously bought, lasted nearly a year. One of these vessels is still in use for other purposes, and will probably be transmitted to the "third and fourth generations" as a memorial of pioneer life on the Holland Purchase.

Their meat during the first winter was chiefly venison, furnished by Judge Webster, who was skillful in the use of the rifle. He killed the deer, and half dressed them, which was done by loosening the skin from the fore part of the animal, and taking out the entrails. The carcass was then cut in two, crosswise, and the parts were fastened to a sapling bent down, or to a limb of a tree, which, springing back, would raise them beyond the reach of wolves. Mr. Keeney, guided by the track in the snow, would find and bring in the meat, taking the two fore-quarters for his share. For a part of one or two seasons, Judge Webster supplied some of the settlers with pigeons caught in a net, they returning him the feathers.

At a pioneer meeting in this village a few years since, Hon. Seth M. Gates presented the following:

“My father moved from Litchfield, Herkimer County, to Sheldon, in 1806. He was twenty-six days on the road, and hard driving at that. Roswell Turner, father of the writer of the History of the Holland Purchase, started with a load of provisions from Genesee river to go to his residence in Sheldon, a distance of thirty miles, and actually went back to stay the first and second nights, and was five days getting home. Jabish Warren, of Aurora village, hired several hands to clear his land in that village, so long the residence of President Fillmore, and used to come fourteen miles to Roswell Turner’s, in Sheldon, to get his bread baked.”

Truman Lewis, in the spring of 1807, came from Vernon, Oneida county, to Orangeville. He passed through Warsaw in the evening; and in the middle of the highway, now Main street, he stopped and counted the children through the cracks of a house which stood on the east side of the street. Before his marriage, he had a younger brother, Jason Lewis, now of Hinsdale, living with him. It was a year of great dearth. There was no grain to be had; and although they had meat and milk and vegetables, they soon felt the necessity of having bread. Truman started on horseback to see if he could buy some wheat or corn. He continued his journey

and inquiries until, somewhere on the Genesee river near Mount Morris, he found a man who had a very little wheat. He asked the man if he would sell a bushel for \$5. The reply was, that he would not sell it for a bushel of dollars. He continued his travels until he found a squaw in Caneadea, Allegany county, who had a little corn. He succeeded in buying a little, and brought it home on his horse. He had at this time wheat on the ground; and as soon as it began to turn on the knolls, he reaped a few bundles, dried them around the fire in his log-house, threshed them, and, putting the wheat into a pillow-case, sent Jason with it on foot five miles to Vary's mill, at Varysburg, to get it ground. There had been no wheat in the mill for weeks; and, to use the words of Jason, he was obliged "to watch the old man at the hopper, the old woman at the bolt, and the pet lamb at both." He got home with his flour about nine o'clock in the evening, and had "one good square meal of short cake and butter" before sleeping.

#### UNCOMFORTABLE DWELLINGS.

Among the unavoidable inconveniences of the first settlers, though perhaps not the greatest one, was the want of comfortable dwellings, especially before there were saw-mills, as, for the want of boards, blankets were used by many to close the openings left for doors; and the chamber floors, as well as roofs, were bark. A more minute description of these dwellings may be acceptable to many readers of the present generation, born and reared in the "ceiled houses" of their fathers. A worthy citizen, responding to a request to communicate such information concerning his part of the town as he should deem suitable for our history, gave, with sundry other things, a description of the style of house architecture in the days of the pioneers, and as adopted by his father in 1806, which shows no material improvement during the two intervening years since the erection of the bark-covered structures of Judge Webster and his earlier neighbors. The sub-

stance of his description, with such additional facts as our knowledge of log-house architecture enables us to supply, is as follows :

A cabin was erected by notching the logs together at the ends, placing one above another to the height of about a story and a half. The roof of this little palace of the woods was made by framing together round poles for rafters, across which were placed other poles to support the covering made of elm bark taken from large trees when they peeled readily. The strips were about four or five feet long by two or three feet wide, and fastened on the roof in tiers, each tier lapping on the preceding one. The floors were made of bass-wood plank split out with beetle and wedge. These planks were dressed as well as time and circumstances permitted. The fire-place was made by cutting out several logs from one side of the building, making an opening seven or eight feet square, which was filled with common field stone laid in mortar made of common earth. The chimney was commenced at the chamber floor, very wide, to correspond with the broad fire-place under it. It was built of thin strips of timber resembling our common strip lath, laid up in the form of a cob-house, gradually narrowed in its progress upward, until reduced to dimensions little larger than those of an ordinary brick chimney of fifty years ago. The inside of it was plastered with mortar made of clay and chopped straw, the latter being used for the same purpose as hair in common mortar. The strips were obtained by riving them out of free rifted timber. This "stick chimney," as we used to call it, was far from being fire-proof, and was a source of much anxiety, as the soot would often ignite, and sometimes communicate fire to the wood, and much alarm the family. A speedy application of water, thrown up plentifully inside, would soon allay all fears. The cracks between the logs were filled up with timber, and plastered over with the same material as that used in making the chimney.



Bedsteads were sometimes made from saplings cut into pieces of the right length. The rails at two corners were fastened to the wall, by fitting them into holes made into the log wall with a large auger. At the other two corners, the rails were fastened in the same way into short posts. Or, by having three corners fastened to the walls, the bedstead required but a single post. It now wanted only a cord, which was sometimes made of elm or bass-wood bark.

Living in houses like those we have described, must have been attended with serious discomforts. In many families were six, eight, or ten children, who, with their parents, were crowded into a single room. In one corner was the father and mother's bed, and under it the trundle-bed for the smaller children. The larger children lodged in the chamber, which they entered by a ladder in another corner. And they often made tracks to and from their beds in snow driven through the crevices by the wind. These houses furnished anything but comfortable quarters to their occupants, especially in winter. Nor did their roofs, made of bark or shakes, protect them from the rains in the summer. How visitors who came to spend the night were disposed of, the reader may not readily conceive. Some, as their families increased, added to their houses another room of the same size, and built of the same material as the former. After there were mills to furnish the timber, a small framed building was sometimes attached to the log structure, designed to form a part of the new framed house in prospect.

#### FIRST MILLS—STORE—PHYSICIAN—DIVISION OF THE TOWN.

One great want of the settlers was in part supplied by Judge Webster's saw-mill, which, according to Turner's History, and French's Gazetteer, was built in 1804. This is probably a mistake. Mrs. Hovey, who came into town with her late husband, Simeon Hovey, in the spring of 1804, and is still living, says that Mr. Hovey, in part payment for the land bought of Judge Webster, built the mill, and made some

of the gearing in the winter season in his (Mr. Hovey's) log-house, and in their only room, which, though used already as a kitchen, dining-room, sitting-room, parlor, and bed-room, became also a carpenter's shop. The mill, therefore, could not have been running until 1805, though it may have been commenced the year before. The mill was on O-at-ka creek, near where that stream is crossed by the first road north of South Warsaw running east by Amos Keeney's, and near the spot where Leonard Martin's saw-mill now stands.

Another, and perhaps a still greater want was supplied by the first grist-mill, which stood near the saw-mill, and which is said to have been built by Joseph Morley or Mauley, in 1806, and bought by Solomon Morris, Sen. Amos Keeney thinks Mauley, for the want of means, was unable to finish it, and though he sold it to Morris in 1806, Morris did not get it running until the next year. Probably the idea was not then entertained, that within the limits of the village, a water power would be found sufficient to propel two large grist-mills, as is now done. But for many years after this mill was built, and even until long after the village mill had been built by Simeon Cummings, getting "milling" done was no small item of labor. Roads were uneven, rooty, and miry; and the sloughs were bridged with logs laid side by side across the way. Hence the vulgar name of "crossway" given to a bridge of this kind—a name, however, not sanctioned by Webster, who gives us *causeway* or *causey*, instead. While the bad roads lasted, grists were carried in the summer season, in great part, on horseback.

Great inconvenience was suffered also from the want of a store. The Gazetteer says the first store was kept by Absalom Green and Daniel Shaw, in 1809. A settler of 1804 says these men brought with them some articles of goods, but no general assortment; and it is believed that they made no subsequent purchases. The first store, properly so called, was kept by Almon Stevens, agent for John Dixon, a merchant in Richmond, Ontario Co. Mr. Stevens came in 1813, and

for a time occupied the bar-room of the tavern built by Judge Webster, who had discontinued his tavern after another had been built capable of accommodating the public. Goods were very dear, not only then, but for many years later, especially the heavy groceries, iron, nails, salt, &c. Goods were hauled from Albany in wagons; and it took three or four weeks to make a trip.

The settlers also for years felt seriously the want of a physician, and were obliged sometimes to send for one to Attica, and even to Geneseo. Mrs. Joseph Palmer was for several years *accoucheuse* for the town. In the course of her practice, a rather singular case occurred. She was called to the house of Sterling Stearns, who has been mentioned as having settled in the extreme south-east part of the town. The visit was to be made in the night; and it was necessary to be accompanied by two of the neighboring women. They traveled the whole distance (about four miles) on foot, most of the way by an obscure path through the woods, piloted by Mr. Stearns with a torch. After a stay of two days, finding the visit premature, they prepared to return. Mr. Stearns proposed to take them home on his ox-sled, then the principal vehicle, in summer as well as winter. But, fearing to leave his wife alone in the woods, and wishing to avoid subjecting the women to another journey, he concluded that she should accompany them, and remain at the center, until circumstances should favor her return. A churn, with cream just put in to be churned, was taken on board, it being thought inexpedient to wait for the performance of the operation. This labor, however, was saved; for, by the jostling of the sled over the rough road, the churn was suddenly thrown overboard, and emptied of its contents! The passengers, however, reached their destination in safety. Mrs. Stearns remained about three weeks; Mrs. Palmer having herself, in the meantime, given birth to a child, and recovered in season to render her professional services to her friend. The difficulty in obtaining medical assistance was chiefly re-

moved by the advent of Dr. Chauncey L. Sheldon, in 1808.

The transaction of public business was also attended with great inconvenience. Both county and town business was done at Batavia, at least thirty miles from the south border of the town, which then included Gainesville. Traveling was difficult, and had to be done on horseback or on foot; and few had horses. As the town-meetings were held in Batavia, many failed to participate in the election of town-officers. But attendance at courts was unavoidable; and to the poorer class of men, burdensome. Amos Keeney and Peter W. Harris were the first jurors called to Batavia from Warsaw. They were gone five days, nearly two of which must have been spent in going and returning. They tried three causes, got seventy-five cents fees, and paid two dollars each for board. As regards town business, material relief was found in due time by a division of the town of Batavia. In 1808, the town of Warsaw was formed. It comprised No. 10, (now Middlebury,) No. 9, (Warsaw,) and No. 8, (Gainesville.) The first town-meeting was held in the spring of that year. The early records of the town for many years being lost, a full list of the officers can not be given. It is known, however, that the first Supervisor was Elizur Webster; Samuel McWhorter, the first Town Clerk; the first Assessors, Richard Bristol, of No. 8, Gideon T. Jenkins, No. 9, and Ebenezer Wilson, Jr., No. 10; the first Overseers of Poor, Jotham Curtis, No. 10, and Solomon Morris, Sen., No. 9. Of these seven men, after a period of sixty years, one—Mr. Bristol, of Gainesville, at the age of eighty-seven years—is still living.

#### HOUSEHOLD LABOR.—COOKING.

The manner of cooking in those days would alike surprise and amuse persons who have grown up since cooking stoves came into use. Kettles were hung over the fire. A strong pole or stick, called *lug-pole*, was raised above the fire, the ends being fastened to the sides of the chimney, inside, so high as not to be likely to ignite from heat or sparks. The

kettles were suspended on trammels, which were pieces of iron rods with hooks at the ends. The uppermost one extended from the pole nearly down to the fire, and one or more short ones were added to bring the kettles to their proper height above the fire. For the want of iron, wooden hooks were sometimes used. Being directly above the the kettles, and in a perpendicular position, they seldom took fire.

The long handled frying pan was for a time in use. It was held over the fire by hand; or, to save time, the handle was sometimes laid on the back of a chair, the pan resting on the fire, while the cook was "setting the table." The pan was also used for baking short cakes. It was placed in nearly a perpendicular position before the fire, with coals under or behind it to bake the under side. A more convenient article was the cast iron, short handled spider, which was set on coals on the hearth. Its legs were of such length and so adjusted, that, when used for baking cakes or biscuit, being turned up towards the fire to the proper slope, handle upwards, it would keep its position. But a still better article for bread baking, which came into general use, was the cast iron, flat bottomed bake-pan, or bake-kettle, with legs and a closely fitted cover. Standing upon coals on the hearth, with coals on the cover, bread and biscuit were nicely baked. Bread for large families was usually baked in outdoor ovens built of brick or fire-proof stone. Turkeys and spare ribs were roasted before the fire, suspended by a string or small cord; a dish or pan being placed underneath to catch the drippings.

Some of the inconveniences of cooking in open fire-places, will be readily imagined. Women's hair was singed, their hands were blistered, and their dresses scorched. The hoop skirts of the present time would have been an intolerable incumbrance. It would have been necessary to doff them, at least in cooking time. But framed houses, with jamb fire-places, measurably relieved our mothers and grand-mothers. In one of the jambs was hung an iron crane, which could be drawn forward from over the fire when kettles were to be



put on or taken off. And connected with the fire-place was a brick oven. But the invention of cook-stoves commenced a new era in the mode of cooking; and none, the most averse to innovation, have indicated a desire to return to the "old way," which will hereafter be known only in history.

#### MANUFACTURING.

Long after the country had passed its pioneer state, the farmer's house continued to be a linen and woolen factory. Where there was more spinning to be done than the wife could do in addition to her house-work, and in which the daughters were too young to help, spinsters were employed to come into families to spin flax and tow in the winter and early spring, and wool in the summer. The regular price paid these itinerant spinsters was a shilling a day; a run and a half of warp, or two runs of filling, being counted a day's work. This would not go far towards clothing the farmers' daughters in 1868. Not every house had a loom, however. But there were always some who did weaving for those who could not do it for themselves.

Much dyeing, too, was done in the family. "Dye-woods and dye-stuffs" formed an important part of a country merchant's stock. Barrels of chipped Nicaragua, logwood and other woods, and kegs of madder, alum, copperas, vitriol, indigo, etc., constituted a large part of the teamsters' loading from the canal. Many, scarcely past middle age, remember well the old dye-tub standing in the chimney-corner, covered with a board, and used also as a seat for children when chairs were wanted for visitors, or when new supplies of furniture failed to keep pace with the increase of the family. Mr. Goodrich, (Peter Parley,) in describing early life in his native town, in Connecticut, speaks of this "institution of the dye-tub" as having, "when the night had waned, and the family had retired, frequently become the anxious seat of the lover, who was permitted to carry on his courtship, the object of his addresses sitting demurely in the opposite corner." We have

no authority for saying that it was ever used in this town on such occasions. This household dyeing did not embrace the flannel which was designed for fulled cloth.

Nearly all the cloth worn was "home made." Rarely, indeed, did a farmer or his son wear a coat made of any other. If, occasionally, a young man appeared in a dress of "boughten" cloth, he was an object of envy to his rustic associates; or he was suspected of having got it for a "stand up suit." Few except merchants, lawyers, doctors, and some village mechanics, were seen in cloth that had not passed the hands of the town cloth-dresser. Consequently, merchants kept very small stocks of broad-cloth. Those of the finer qualities were often bought in small pieces, containing a certain number of patterns—one, two, or three—to avoid losses on remnants.

There were also *itinerant tailoresses* who came into families to make up the men's and boys' winter clothing. The cutting was mostly done by the village tailor, if there was a village near. "Bad fits," which were not uncommon, were of course charged to the cutter. Hence the practice of tailors, when inserting in their bills or advertisements the announcement, "Cutting done on short notice, and warranted to fit," to append the very prudent proviso, "if properly made up." These seamstresses charged two shillings a day for their work. This was thought by some employers rather exorbitant, as the common price of help at housework was but six shillings a week—"York currency," the reader will of course understand. Although the word pounds, in expressing money values, had given place to dollars, fractional parts of a dollar were yet expressed by shillings and pence. Many merchants and their clerks still keep up the practice, as if they had but half learned the decimal system of reckoning.

Boots and shoes also were made in many families. Farmers got the hides of their slaughtered cattle tanned "on shares;" or, if their share were judged insufficient to shoe a whole family, the dressing was otherwise paid for. Then there was

in the neighborhood a *circulating shoemaker*, who made his annual autumnal circuit with his "kit." The children had a happy time during his sojourn, which lasted one, two, or more weeks, according to the number of feet to be shod. The boys who had doffed their old shoes when the winter snows had scarcely disappeared, to enjoy the luxury of going barefoot, were now no less joyful in the anticipation of new ones to protect their feet from the frosts, or perchance the early snows which had kept them for "thirty days" in close confinement. Such was the demand for the labor of the men of this trade at this season of the year, that their own families were often sadly neglected; thus verifying one part of the old adage, "Shoemakers' wives and blacksmiths' horses go barefoot."

A revolution in household labor has been effected since the days of our mothers and grandmothers. The substitution of cotton for flax, and of the various kinds of labor-saving machinery for hand cards and spinning-wheels and looms, has vastly lightened the labor of women. One of the results of these improvements is the opportunity they afford for mental and intellectual culture. That the mass of American women duly improve these opportunities for increasing their usefulness, will hardly be affirmed.

#### WILD ANIMALS.

The early settlers of Warsaw were much annoyed by bears and wolves. Animals being permitted to run at large to feed in the woods, many, especially swine, were destroyed by bears. And great care was necessary to protect sheep from the ravages of wolves. Although we have no accounts of persons having become victims to beasts of prey, alarms were frequent, and life was sometimes endangered. And for years the sleep of the inhabitants was disturbed by the howlings of wolves. To rid the country of these pests, bounties were early offered for their destruction.

The first Board of Supervisors elected in Genesee county met at Batavia in October, 1803. Among their recorded proceedings is the following:

“The Board, after considering the necessity and utility of destroying wolves, passed a vote to allow a bounty of five dollars a piece for the scalp and ears of each wolf taken and killed in the county aforesaid since its organization.”

At an adjourned meeting in November, specified sums were ordered to be raised in the several towns for wolves taken and killed therein, as follows: Northampton, \$100; Southampton, \$300 for wolves killed and other contingent charges; Leicester, \$600 for wolves and other contingent charges; Batavia, \$700 for the same. The number of wolves on which bounties were paid that year was fifty-six; and the bounties, at \$5 a head, amounted to \$280.

In 1804, the Board “Resolved, That certificates given to Indians for wolf scalps, shall be certified in the presence of a white person of suitable age, who shall also attest the same.” The same number of scalps was again paid for the next year.

A uniform price of \$5 a head appears to have been paid down to 1813; and the average number killed yearly to that time was about 45. In 1814, \$10 a head was paid for 36 wolves, and \$5 a head for 3 whelps. Notwithstanding a vote had been taken to reduce the bounty to \$5, there was paid for 7 wolves the enormous price of \$45 a head; for 20, \$5 a head; for 13, \$10 a head; and for 19 whelps, \$20 a head! In 1816, 69 wolves were paid for, most of them at \$40 each, and 31 whelps, \$15 each. In 1817, 26 whelps, at \$15, and but 13 wolves, at \$40 each. In 1818, 9 wolves at \$40, and 17 whelps at \$15 each. In 1819, 7 wolves at \$40, and 28 whelps at \$15 each. In 1820, 8 wolves at \$40, and 33 whelps at \$15 each. In 1821, 6 wolves at \$10 each, and 1 whelp, \$2. No bounties appear to have been paid after that year. It has been said that wolves were taken in Pennsylvania, and brought into this county and killed; their scalps carried to Batavia, and the bounty drawn. This may have been a reason for discontinuing the bounties. The whole number of wolves and whelps paid for, was 793, and of panthers, 8. The amount paid for them was \$6,782.

Many years later, these animals had not wholly disappeared. Occasional wolf-hunts occurred as late as about the year 1830, in some of the adjacent towns. About that time, men of this town were called out to one near Hall's Corners in Orangeville, about three miles west of Warsaw village.

We subjoin a wolf story not entirely devoid of interest. At an early day, Deacon Munger had several sheep killed, either by wolves, or by a certain suspicious dog in the neighborhood. The next evening two large traps were set a short distance from his barn-yard, and the carcass of one of the dead sheep laid near them. Late in the night the place was visited, and the dog was found fast in one of the traps; and the person who went to see, thought the other trap was still there. The dog was suffered to remain in "durance vile" until daylight, when the other trap, with a heavy clog attached, was found missing. Its track was followed across the field, where the thief, a large wolf, was arrested by a brush fence, in which, in endeavoring to cross it, he had become entangled. Of course both dog and wolf were promptly dispatched. Wolf's scalps bringing at that time \$40 a piece, the loss of sheep was more than compensated. A singular circumstance connected with this affair is vouched for. On going out to look at the traps, a sheep was seen standing in or near the barn-yard on a large stump, upon which, in its fright, it is supposed to have leaped for safety.

In 1808, Benjamin Parker, residing on East Hill, came near losing his life by bears. Between the Transit and Perry Center, there was an almost continuous forest. Returning from Elisha Smith's, near Sucker Brook, in Perry, he met, on the long causeway, (still remembered by some old inhabitants,) seven bears, three old ones and four young ones. He took up a large club, his only weapon of defense, and struck one of them with such force as to break the club. Having no other hope of saving his life, he retreated, and climbed a small tree standing near the road. He hallooed for some time for help; and although more than a mile distant, he was heard



by Smith, who, with his gun, axe, and dog, came to his relief, the bears standing around the tree. The dog chased the four cubs and two of the old bears up a tree, or trees. It being nearly dark, fires were kindled at the foot of the trees, and kept up during the night, to prevent the escape of the bears. In the morning, the two old bears were shot, and the four young ones were taken alive. How they were finally disposed of, we are not informed. It does not appear from the records of Genesee county that bounties were offered for bear scalps. Such bounties as were some years paid on wolves, would have been ample compensation to the party defending, for the fears and perils of this bear-fight.

#### REMARKABLE INCIDENT.

A most extraordinary event occurred in Middlebury, in 1817, within a few miles of this town. We have read accounts of it in different papers and books; and although differing slightly, they agree in every important particular. We copy from a work entitled, "Memorials of the Descendants of William Shattuck," &c., loaned to us for this purpose by Mr. Edward C. Shattuck, of this village, a relative of the person referred to in the following:

Artemas Shattuck was cutting forest trees, and one fell upon a high stump and became entangled with other trees. In endeavoring to cut, disengage, and bring it to the ground, it suddenly fell; and the trunk upon which he stood split, and his foot was caught in the cleft. As it fell over the stump, he was raised several feet from the ground, and suspended with his head downwards, and in such a position that he could not touch the ground, nor get upon the top of the trunk of the tree for support. His axe in the meantime had fallen, and was not within his reach; he was thus without means to extricate himself. In this condition he cried for help, but cried in vain, until his voice failed him, and he could cry no longer. He soon began to suffer extreme pain, not only in his foot, which remained clenched in the cleft of the tree, but also

from headache and general exhaustion, caused by his unnatural position and the great exertion he had put forth to make himself heard and to obtain relief. He was in the woods, three-fourths of a mile from any human being, and the weather was extremely cold. What was he to do? Unless he could be immediately extricated, death seemed inevitable. There appeared no alternative. Summoning all his fortitude, he resolved upon an act which, if he should succeed in performing, there would be a feeble hope, and but a feeble one, of saving his life. He *might* perish if he did it; he *must*, if he did it not. He took from his pocket an old Barlow knife, and first cut off the leg of his boot and stocking, and with a piece of quality which he had in his vest pocket, he bound up his ankle as tightly as possible, to stop the current of blood. Then, with his knife, he unjointed his ankle, and left his foot, cut and separated from his leg, in the cleft of the tree! By the trunk of the tree he reached the ground, and crawled to his dinner-basket, and bound up the stump with a napkin. He cut a stick, and hobbled or crawled upon his hands and knees through the snow towards home. When he had arrived within a few rods of his house he was discovered by his family; and, exhausted and fainting, was brought to his room and resuscitated. A surgeon was obtained from Batavia, a distance of fifteen or eighteen miles, by whom his limb was again amputated; and in due time he recovered. Three of his brothers, Josiah, Gilbert, and Giles, were with him during his illness. He afterwards turned his attention to study; emigrated to North Carolina in 1819; joined the Baptist church in 1820, and commenced preaching in 1821.

To the foregoing we find appended in the margin of the book, the following note:

Some account of this event, unassociated with any name, was published in the "Presbyterian," a newspaper of Philadelphia, in the winter of 1850-51, under the title of "A curious fact." The fact was stated to be, that when Mr. Shattuck "became conscious, he said: 'Go immediately to

the woods and cut out my foot, for it is suffering most excruciating pain.' They did so, and brought the foot to the house. He then said it was cold, and wished it put into warm water. This request was also granted. It was not, however, done in the room in which he lay; yet as soon as his foot touched the water, he exclaimed: 'It burns me; the water is too hot.' And upon examination it was found to be so. The water was made cooler, and he was satisfied." We have great doubts (the writer adds,) as to the authenticity of this statement, or of the correctness of its philosophy. We have read considerably in medical literature, and have conversed with many scientific surgeons on the subject; and have yet to learn a well-authenticated case in which an application to an amputated limb has sensibly affected the living individual from whom it was taken.

Since the above was written, we have received ample confirmation of this statement. Being informed that Mrs. Perthena Shattuck, wife of the late Josiah Shattuck, brother of Artemas, was residing in Wethersfield with her son-in-law, V. D. Eastman, Esq., we addressed her, through him, inquiring into the truth of this incredible statement. The answer places it beyond doubt. Mrs. Shattuck, residing near the home of Artemas, saw him the next morning. She heard him, and others who were present when the foot was sent for and brought in, often speak of the pain from the coldness of the foot, and from the heat of the water. The next day, Dr. John Cotes, of Batavia, was called, and amputated the leg. Dr. Seaver, still residing in Middlebury, was present at the operation, and heard these statements from those who were eye and ear witnesses to the facts. Hence, though "philosophy" and "medical science" may fail to confirm them, they are as well authenticated as the casualty itself.

There have been held in this town several meetings of old settlers, the proceedings of which are elsewhere recorded. At these meetings were related a number of interesting incidents of pioneer life, to which the reader is referred. [See "Old Folks' Gatherings."]

## ENJOYMENTS OF THE EARLY SETTLERS.

Narratives of the incidents and adventures of pioneer life generally present only the dark side of the picture. To those who subdued the wilderness, their toils and privations were not a series of unmitigated sufferings. They had their joys as well as their sorrows. The addition of each new acre to their "clearings," brought with it fresh enjoyment, and cheered them on in the pursuit of their ultimate object, an independent and a happy home. They were happy also in their fraternal feelings; or, as one of them once expressed it, "the feeling of brotherhood—the disposition to help one another;" or, in the language of another, "Society was rude and uncultivated; yet the people were very friendly to each other; quite as much so as relatives are at the present day." We can hardly endure the thought of exchanging the vast variety of our splendid and comfortable vehicles for the rude ones of our fathers, which served the various purposes of visiting, and of going to mill and to "meeting"—(churches they had not;) yet who doubts that William Bristol and family, of No. 8, had "a good time" when they made a visit to Judge Webster's, a distance of seven miles, on an ox-sled drawn by oxen? Our mothers were satisfied when clad in homespun of their own make; and we well remember the "glad surprise" when fathers, on their return from market, presented their faithful help-mates a six yards calico dress pattern for Sunday wear. And we presume the wearer was in quite as devotional a frame of mind, and enjoyed Sabbath exercises quite as well, as she who now flaunts her gorgeously trimmed silk of fifteen yards, with the addition of a few more for the indispensable trail.

The people were happy in their families. The boys, having labored hard during the day, sought rest at an early hour. Parents had the satisfaction of seeing their sons acquiring habits of industry and frugality—a sure prognostic of success

in life. The "higher civilization" had not yet introduced those popular institutions now to be seen

" In every country village, where  
Ten chimney smokes perfume the air "—

the saloon and billiard room, in which so many youth now receive their principal training. Fewer parents spent sleepless nights in anxious thought about their "prodigal sons," or had their slumbers suddenly broken by the noisy entrance of these sons on returning from their midnight revels. They saw no clouds rising to dim the prospect of a happy future to their children. Never were wives and mothers more cheerful than when, like the virtuous woman described by Solomon, they "they laid their hands to the spindle, and their hands held the distaff;" or when, with their knitting work or sewing, and baby too, they went—unbidden, as the custom was—to spend an afternoon with their "neighbor women," by whom they were received with a hearty, unceremonious welcome. The "latch-string was out" at all times; and even the formality of knocking was, by the more intimate neighbors, dispensed with.

Nor did they lack topics of conversation at these visits. Prominent among them were their domestic labors—their manifold industrial enterprises—and the anticipated rewards of their present toils and privations. Their talk, some may suppose, evinced no high degree of intellectual culture; yet, as an indication of *intellectuality*, surely it will not suffer in comparison with the gossip which engrosses the time of many of our modern *educated* ladies at their social gatherings.



## POLICY OF THE LAND COMPANY.

THE Books of the Company in the Land-Office show remarkably slow progress of settlers in paying for their lands. From entries in these books we infer that a large proportion of them forfeited their claims. It appears that, at the expiration of ten years from the date of their contracts, those who had paid little or nothing were charged with "Increase," to an amount almost equal to, and in some instances greater than the original price of the land. And this increase is almost uniformly charged the *next day* after the ten years had expired.

For example: G. T. J. was charged April 1, 1806, "To two Lots, 728 Acres, \$1,456," being two dollars per acre, only ten dollars having been paid down. At the end of ten years, he was charged, "To Increase, \$1,648," making the sum of \$3,104, when the land was bought in parts by six different purchasers, who took new articles. E. P. was charged May 21, 1807, "To part of Lot —, 246 Acres, \$615," on which was paid soon after, thirty-five dollars. May 22, 1817, "Increase" was added, \$642; and articles were given to three new purchasers, charged with \$1,257.

It is presumed that the lands reverted to the Company by forfeiture, and that new articles were given to the former purchaser or any other applicant. The uniformity of the dates of the new articles, just ten years after the dates of the old ones, may be accounted for by the supposition, that the new articles, at whatever time they were issued after the increase had been charged, were dated the day next after the date of that charge.

Some assistance was rendered the settlers in making payments, by the offer of the Company to receive cattle on their contracts. Agents were sent once a year to certain towns in each county for that purpose. We find the first credit for cattle in the year 1822 or 1823. This policy was continued a



*Truman Lewis*

*Sketch. p. 291*



number of years. We see also some credits for grain. An additional stimulus was given by a notice to those most in arrears, or who had paid little or nothing, that a large deduction, in case of speedy payment, would be made, from the sums due. This gave much dissatisfaction to those who had been prompt in their payments, who regarded it as a *premium* to their slack neighbors for their want of punctuality.

Many have questioned the wisdom of the policy adopted by the Holland Company for the disposal and settlement of their lands. Probably with a view to inviting immigration, articles were given to settlers on the most easy terms—to many of them, on payment of a sum scarcely sufficient to pay for drawing the contract, which, in many cases, was but one dollar. Many, doubtless, were attracted to the Purchase by this easy mode of obtaining possession of land. The early settlers were generally poor, and could scarcely have purchased on less accommodating terms. Yet of these, not a few, after a short residence and sundry discouragements, sold out their “improvements,” and sought new homes in more favorable locations.

The opinion has often been expressed, that the plan of selling lands at a low price for cash, after the manner of the General Government, would have been better both for the Company and the settlers, as it would have brought in not only a more industrious and enterprising, but a better class of inhabitants. That some persons of the lower class, and shiftless, were brought hither by the easy terms proposed by the Company, is probably true. But we believe those of the early inhabitants still living will agree in saying, that the early settlers of this town were generally honest, frugal, and industrious.

A recurrence to facts in their history, will reveal the true cause of the slow progress of the settlers in discharging their obligations to the Company. Most of them were comparatively young men from the East, and poor. Wages had been low; and they had laid up little more than enough to buy a

team and pay the expense of their removal. They had heavily timbered lands to clear, and for a time had no sons able to help, nor the means of hiring labor. And for the little surplus grain which after a few years they produced, there was no market beyond the demands of new-comers. War came; and many were obliged to leave their farms and join the army. Peace returned; labor was again thrown upon the land; and in a year or two there was a large surplus which scarcely paid for the labor of raising it. The price of wheat in Rochester, then the nearest and best cash market, was 2s. 6d. to 3s. per bushel, which would not pay the cost of transportation in that time of bad roads; of course, very little was sold there. Occasionally a load was taken to Albany by teamsters going after goods for the merchants. At home, a bushel was given in exchange for a pound of tobacco, or a yard of brown cotton cloth.

In providing means for prosecuting the war, double duties were laid upon goods imported, which duties were to continue during the war, and for a year after its close. These duties checked importations and encouraged home manufactures. Many manufacturing establishments sprang into being. The period of high duties expired in 1816. Commercial intercourse with Great Britain, which had been suspended during the war, was resumed, and the country was again flooded with British goods. Our manufactures were prostrated. The country was drained of its money to pay for foreign goods; specie payments were suspended; and bank-bills depreciated to seventy or eighty per cent. below par, and in some states to almost nothing. No wonder that the books of the Land Company show so few and so small credits to settlers. Nor is it strange that so many children went barefoot long after the first snows had fallen.

Partial relief, however, was found within doors. Our mothers and their eldest daughters plied the spindle and the shuttle with the characteristic assiduity of those days, in providing clothing for the families; thus restricting in a good



measure the running accounts at the stores, and in many cases producing a considerable surplus to be exchanged at the stores for cotton cloth, both plain and printed. Many a farmer's wife have we seen bringing under her arm to the store in this town, a huge roll of linen or flannel, and carrying away its equivalent in a score of articles to supply the wants of her family.

But for some purposes money must be had. Taxes could not be paid in kind; and to raise "tax money" farmers were obliged to sell grain and other products of their farms for prices which would now scarcely pay for their transportation to the place of delivery. Some relief was afforded by the products of the forest timber. The ashes from the burned heaps were saved and sold at the ashery, which was an indispensable appendage to a country store, or to at least one store in a place. They were drawn several miles over rough roads, and sold for six or eight cents per bushel, and measured in a bushel and a half basket at that; and then they could not always be sold for money. Or, to cheapen transportation, they were, by a process unknown to some of our younger readers, converted into "black salts," which would generally command money at any pearl-ashery, where they were manufactured into pearl ashes. Many, to get money to pay taxes and other cash debts, cut and burned timber for this special purpose, while their granaries were well stored with grain, which could not be sold for cash. A hotel-keeper and stage proprietor in this village, after having bought a supply of oats for the year, at twelve and a half cents per bushel, had them urged upon him for ten cents, at which price he ventured to buy more; but he lost rather than gained by the operation.

Thus the struggle continued until the completion of the Erie Canal in 1825, which, by opening to our people an accessible market, brought them speedy and permanent relief. They at once entered upon a course of unwonted prosperity, and soon attained a comfortable independence.

## THE VILLAGE.

BEFORE the year 1816, the settlement at the center of the town had scarcely begun to assume the appearance of a village. The only framed houses recollected at present, were the following: 1. The tavern house built by Judge Webster, of which the present dwelling of Nehemiah Park was a part, the other and main part having been moved toward the north-east, on the south corner of Buffalo and Main streets. 2. A school-house where the Baptist Church now stands. 3. A small house near it, the residence of Samuel McWhorter. 4. The residence of Capt. Fargo, on the site of the present dwelling of his son, Allen Fargo. 5. The dwelling-house of Almon Stevens on the ground now covered by the Congregational Church. 6. The dwelling of Dr. Sheldon, a few rods north of Mr. Stevens's. 7. A small house which stood a few feet north of where Dr. Bartlett's "Gothic" now stands. 8. The tavern house of Russel Noble, since removed to make place for the brick hotel built by J. A. McElwain, and occupied by the late George W. Morris, Esq., on Main street, in the north part of the village. There was also the small building used as a store by Almon Stevens, which stood on the north side of the old Presbyterian church, occupied more recently and for many years as a dwelling; and the old red building occupied as a store by C. L. Sheldon & Co., and afterwards as a dwelling, until removed to make room for the Episcopal church. Calvin Runsey had established the tanning and shoe-making business on the west side of the creek on Buffalo street, on the lot now owned and occupied by Frank Miller and his son, Edwin A. Miller, and lived in a part of the shoe-shop.

In 1816, the aspect of the embryo village began to change. Simeon Cumings, of Batavia, had, the year previous, bought of Judge Webster 40 acres of land, for the sum of \$8,500. One object of the purchase was the erection of a grist-mill,

and perhaps other machinery. The employment of the labor required in the construction of the mill-race and the mill, and in making the various contemplated improvements, gave activity to the place. Before the close of the year 1816, the grist-mill was in operation; and a year or two later, an oil-mill was built a short distance south, near where the race crosses Water street.

Mr. Cumings laid out the streets now called Water street and Court street; and the land adjoining them and Main and Buffalo streets, was laid out into village lots. At this time, not a dwelling, it is believed, had ever been erected on it. The principal portion of this tract was in a square body bounded by about eighty rods on Main, and nearly an equal distance on Buffalo street, excepting about two acres in the south-west corner of the square previously sold to Calvin Rumsey, and adding the corner south of Buffalo street, including the tavern stand.

The first lots sold by him were mostly on Buffalo street. Among the first buildings erected was the house in which Timothy H. Buxton now resides. Its first occupant was Edward Putnam. It was soon after occupied by Rev. Norris Bull. The "old cider-mill" building was removed a few rods, and wheeled to its present site west of and near the mill-race, where, for a time, in a half finished state, it served a greater number of families and tradesmen than any other building; having been used as a store, cabinet-shop, shoe-shop, etc., and sheltered the families of lawyers, doctors, mechanics and others. About the same time, 1817, John Hobson, the first hatter in Warsaw, built the house which constitutes a part of the present residence of H. A. Dudley; Henry Stevens, on the south side of the street, the present residence of Mrs. Lawrence; and Benjamin L. Watkins, a house and blacksmith's shop on the corner of Buffalo and Water streets, west side of Water street.

Among the first buildings erected on Main street, (in 1817, or late in 1816,) was a dwelling, built by Nelson A. Phelps,

and now the cabinet-shop of E. C. Shattuck, and about the same time two or more dwellings on and near the corner where the Methodist church now stands. Dr. Frank, who came to Warsaw in 1817, built, either that year or the next, a dwelling on Main street, near the place where the store of A. & G. W. Frank now stands. The "Masonic Hall," which had stood for years in an unfinished state, on the south side of Buffalo street, and never occupied, was bought by Aaron Rumsey, moved across the way on the corner of Buffalo and Water streets, and fitted it up for a dwelling, in which he lived until he removed to Westfield, in 1827. This house has since served the families of Silas Kidder, John Crocker, Deacon Munger, Dr. Belden, and several others, and undergone frequent repairs. It was some years ago removed west on the opposite corner of Buffalo and Water streets, and is now owned by John A. McElwain, and occupied by Mrs. Lemon as a boarding-house. Calvin Rumsey built the house now owned and occupied by Frank Miller. Samuel McWhorter vacated the small house near the school-house, having built on his farm the house next north of the present residence of Samuel Fisher, 2d, and now owned by John Ransom, editor of the "Wyoming Democrat."

Elisha Parmele, merchant, whose first sign called customers to the "old cider mill," in 1817, built, soon after, the "yellow store," elsewhere described, and a two-story dwelling near it; the house being at present the north part of the hotel recently owned by the late N. J. Perry, and for many years previous by the late Dr. Augustus Frank. Dr. Sheldon built, near his store, (south side,) his new two-story dwelling, occupied by him until his death, and thereafter by his family for many years. It was afterward occupied as a parsonage, the property of the Presbyterian church, and then passed into the hands of Dr. J. G. Meachem, and after a few years, removed by him to the north part of the village. It is the house in which Dr. M. Baker now resides, by whom it has been changed into a beautiful residence.

In 1820, H. & E. C. Kimberly, merchants, who had for two years occupied the old Stevens store, built the "corner store" on the ground now covered by the brick building of J. H. Darling, occupied as a Drug store by Matthews & Brown, the present as well as the former bank building having been crowded into the former narrow unoccupied space between the bound of the street and the corner store. The store of Sheldon & Frank, now the property of Dr. Bartlett, was built, it is believed, as early as 1818 or 1819; and in the spring of 1822, Dr. Frank, having withdrawn from the firm of Sheldon & Frank, commenced business in his new store on the west side of the street, where the brick building of the Franks now stands.

Dr. Daniel Rumsey, who had resided in this town in 1817 and 1818, and who, after several years' residence in Alexander, had returned to Warsaw, built a large two-story dwelling on the west side of Main street, about midway between the corners. After his removal to Silver Creek, this house was occupied by his son-in-law, George D. Farnham, and was afterwards bought by Dr. Frank, and rented for a number of years. A part of it was for a time occupied for the instruction of a school of young ladies, by Miss Anna P. Sill, the founder and present principal of the noted and popular Young Ladies' Seminary in Rockford, Ill. This building was several years since converted into shops or stores to supply the business wants of the place. About the time Dr. Rumsey built his house, James Crocker built one near it, which he sold to F. C. McKay, and which was occupied successively by himself and Isaac C. Bronson, before it came into the possession of its present occupant, Albert Purdy. Whether this dwelling is destined to a similar change, time must determine. It has for several years borne a powerful pressure on its south side, and it may soon be compelled to yield. About the time these buildings were erected, perhaps a little earlier, Dr. Cyrus Rumsey built the house now the residence of John A. McElwain, on Genesee street, and John Crocker the house



next west of it, the present residence of Wm. Bingham, and the first east of the Hotel.

It has been suggested by several of our citizens that our village history would be incomplete without due notice of a certain prominent old inhabitant, well known through a wide region of surrounding country. There are many yet living who remember well their old unfortunate fellow-citizen, who had in early life lost the free use of both his lower limbs, and whose locomotion was rendered possible only by the aid of wooden substitutes. He was one of Warsaw's earliest mechanics, and for a time carried on business in a small plank building, said to have been built by Col. Day, the first blacksmith in town, and used by him as a shop, or as some say, a dwelling. It stood on or near the spot on which Dr. Bartlett's brick building stands, on the corner of Main and Genesee streets. Its exterior fitly represented the mechanical skill of its occupant, whose vocation was thus legibly expressed on a sign board: "I. Kenyon, Tailor." Though a single as well as a singular man, the income from his trade afforded him a scanty support; and he united with tailoring the sale of "cake and beer," the latter being, if our memory be not at fault, in the full sense of the term, *home made*, and having at least this preference over the modern articles of that name, that its effects were less injurious. Of course the public were duly notified of this extension of business, by an additional sign on his shop's front. Other articles were by degrees added to his stock, until his "assortment" assumed the title of "Grocery." But adversity came, and taught him impressively, that "disappointment is the lot of all men." He was "burned out clean!" and, for a time at least, his "occupation was gone."

But our neighbor was not disheartened by this reverse of fortune. A new building in due time sprang up, Phenix like, on the west side of the street. This was by no means a rude structure. It had one adornment which is believed to have been entirely original. A large picture of a pillar sur-

mounted by an eagle, was painted on its front, intended, it is presumed, to represent the patriotism of its proprietor. In front of the building was erected a high post, on which was fastened a sign reading as follows; (for the old gentleman, be it known, laid some claim to poetic talent:)

“Come view my post, and drink a toast.  
 For I’ve been tried by fire;  
 Yet I will still make up your bill  
 As low as you require.”

It is related of one of our respectable citizens, (though evidently wanting in respect to hoary hairs,) that he was wont, on passing, to read in a loud tone this inscription, and to subjoin the mock reference, “Isaiah xvi, 19,” (Mr. K.’s name being Isaiah,) well knowing that he would thus bring to the door the irascible occupant to give boisterous vent to his indignation. In his new shop “Tailoring” was never done, his last chosen business alone giving him a livelihood, such as it was. His grocery, however, became at length the haunt of the idle, the intemperate, and the vicious; and such was its influence, that a fate like that which had befallen the old shop, would have been regarded as a public blessing.

One of his singularities was the tenacity with which he clung to the hope, almost to the last, of finding a wife; hence nothing would he so bitterly resent, as being called an old man. Having at length become disqualified for business by his infirmities and age, and being destitute of other means of support, he was compelled to spend the last years of his life where the wants of the unfortunate and needy of every county are gratuitously supplied.

Although the village continued gradually to improve, there was no marked change in its appearance from this time until after the purchase of the Webster estate by F. C. D. McKay, Esq., in 1836. Judge Webster had been indisposed to sell land in small parcels; and owning the land on both sides of Buffalo street west of the bridge, no houses could be built there. There were but two houses west of the bridge on that

street, one them his own, near the hill, now the residence of H. B. Jenks; the other built by Calvin Rumsey, the present residence of Frank Miller. Perhaps, also, the two small, diminutive houses lately standing near the bridge. Mr. McKay laid out Liberty street, and sold within the first year a considerable number of lots on Buffalo and Liberty streets; and several dwellings were put up, among which was one intended by Mr. McKay for himself, but never finished by him. It came a year or two afterwards into the hands of Joshua H. Darling, who completed it, and who, by several alterations and improvements, has transformed it into a beautiful and tasty mansion. Most of the lots, however, were sold to laboring men of limited means; and the new buildings were generally small and cheaply constructed. Nor did the population or the business for several years greatly increase.

In 1841, the new county of Wyoming was formed, comprising the southern half of Genesee, and the county seat located at Warsaw. This gave to business and to improvements an impulse such as they had never before received. The population has since been trebled, and business has increased in nearly the same proportion. Large and valuable stocks of goods have brought purchasers from all parts of the county; and manufactures of various kinds have been established. Many marked improvements have also been made during this period. The streets were at times almost impassable with teams; and the side-walks were in no better condition for footmen, except here and there a few rods covered with gravel or tan-bark. The village was incorporated in 1843; and by the exercise of its corporate powers, this and other difficulties have been remedied. Much has been done to improve the streets, and two bridges have been built across the O-at-ka, which are likely to stand during the life time of at least two generations. The streets have been greatly beautified with shade trees. By turning the course of the west branch, so as to unite with the O-at-ka









creek some distance below the south bridge, the road is no longer liable to damage from the former stream; and several village lots of little value have been changed into eligible locations.

Prior to 1841, there was but one brick building in the village, (that of Mr. Darling,) except a small one on Water street, still standing there. The county jail, a wooden structure, was built in 1841. The Court House and County Clerk's Office, substantial brick buildings, were erected in 1842, and greatly improved the appearance of the village. Many elegant brick dwellings—the first of which were those of Dr. Merrick Baker (now S. Whitcher's) and Linus W. Thayer, Esq.,—and a much greater number of first class framed houses, have since been built; and many old ones have been moderenized and beautified. At no time, for a similar period, has there been so marked an improvement as within the last six or eight years, on Buffalo and Main streets. Main street presents two fine specimens of church architecture, erected within the last three years, by the Presbyterian and Congregational societies. And that memorable event in February, 1867, "the great fire," which was at the time deemed a serious calamity, has contributed, more than any other cause, to the permanent improvement of the village. Probably not more than two or three persons have reason to regret the occurrence. A brick block of three stores with some nine or ten dilapidated, rickety buildings were destroyed, and the vacant space has already been filled by a row of beautiful and substantial structures, which are surpassed in few country villages in this section of the state.

In 1868, George W. Frank and Elbert E. Farman purchased of John A. McElvain several acres of land, lying north of Genesee street, and east of the lots on the east side of Main street, which they laid out into building lots. They have opened from Main street to their grounds, two new streets: Elm street running to the north corner of their land; and one south of it, which is a continuation of Court street.

Several acres have been set apart and inclosed for a Park. Three fine brick dwelling houses have been erected by G. W. Frank, H. A. Dudley, and Rev. J. E. Nassau. That of Mr. Frank is completed. Another has been commenced by Mr. Farman, and will be completed the present year. This will soon be one of the most attractive parts of the village.

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## POST OFFICES.

The first Post-Office in Warsaw was established in 1811. Prior to this time, letters were received and mailed at Batavia. County, town, and land-office business being done there, the inhabitants had frequent opportunities of sending to the post-office at that place. But the early settlers received many letters from eastern friends by the hands of "new comers," and of those who came seeking homes. And as those who purchased returned to bring in their families, the people probably received and sent most of their letters outside of the mails. The rates of postage were high; and few letters would have been written even if there had been a post-office in the town. Postage on letters was, for a distance not exceeding 30 miles, 6 cents; over 30 and not exceeding 80 miles, 10 cents; over 80 and not exceeding 150 miles, 12½ cents; over 150 and not exceeding 400 miles, 18½ cents; over 400 miles, 25 cents. The early settlers being generally poor, they were compelled to restrict their correspondence to cases of necessity. Coming from the extreme eastern part of this state and from the eastern states, most of their letters were subject to the highest rates. How many letters would our farmers now write if they had to pay the price of a bushel of wheat or four bushels of oats for a letter? Yet there was a time, many years after there was a post-office here, when the quantity mentioned of each of these commodities would have commanded no more *cash* than the highest rates of postage.

And how would men have regarded the prediction that, within the life-time of some then living, a letter would be carried from the Atlantic to the Pacific for *three cents*?

At an early day—probably soon after the establishment of the post-office here—a post route was established from Geneseo through this place to Lake Erie, which made a direct and continuous route from Canandaigua to that lake, at a point eight miles from Buffalo. Levi Street, of Sheldon, carried the mail many years, and, as is believed, was the first contractor and carrier; but what year he commenced his ride, (on horseback, of course,) we are not informed. The papers chiefly taken were the “Ontario Repository” and “Ontario Messenger,” both published in Canandaigua, and, at a later date, the “Moscow Advertiser,” and were carried by Mr. Street. Of the number he distributed, we may form a tolerable estimate from the fact, that they were carried in a saddle-bag, as lately as 1816, at those seasons of the year when the roads were too muddy or too rough for him to go with his vehicle, labeled, “Moscow Stage.” Mr. Street was at length superseded by other mail contractors, who at least furnished the traveling public better accommodations. He removed to Cincinnati, O., where he died of that dreadful disease, hydrophobia, caused by the bite of a horse.

The “Genesee Intelligencer,” the first paper in this state west of the Genesee River, was published in Batavia in 1807, by Elias Williams, who commenced it in the spring, and discontinued it in October. The “Cornucopia” was commenced the next spring, (1808,) by Benjamin Blodgett and Samuel Peck, and continued by them until 1811, when David C. Miller took the place of Mr. Peck; and the paper assumed the name of “Republican Advocate.” The post-office being established here about the same time, this paper began to take the place of the Canandaigua papers. In 1819, the “Spirit of the Times” was commenced at Batavia. After this, few Ontario papers appeared in this town.

The following are the names of Postmasters in Warsaw, with the dates of their appointment:

Chauncey L. Sheldon, April 12, 1811.

Chauncey L. Sheldon, January 24, 1826.

Elias R. Bascom, March 3, 1828.

Isaac C. Bronson, August 20, 1841.

William K. Crooks, March 10, 1843.

Edwin L. Fuller, July 15, 1845.

Charles W. Bailey, May 3, 1849.

Jacob W. Knapp, February 28, 1853.

Seth M. Gates, May 28, 1861.

Seth M. Gates, June 3, 1865.

The amount received for postage on letters and papers during the first year at this post-office was about fifty dollars.

By an act of Congress, postmasters whose compensation from commissions on the money received at their respective offices exceeds \$1,000, are appointed by the President, with the concurrence of the Senate.

A post-office was established at South Warsaw, February, 1850, and continued several years, Alonzo Choate, postmaster. Also in the south-east part of the town a post-office named East Warsaw was established after the preceding—Evans, postmaster. It was continued but a few years.

## AGRICULTURE.

AGRICULTURE is a term hardly applicable to the farming of those days. Agricultural papers, if there had been any, would have been of little use to those just beginning in the woods. The "virgin soil" was prepared for seed when cleared of its forest burden—the better, however, if it had had a "good burn," which the proprietor was always anxious to secure. The principal instrument of tillage was the triangular harrow, usually called *drag*, sometimes made of a crotched tree. The timber was worked down to the proper size, and teeth were inserted of nearly double the thickness of those now used, so as to stand the severe test to which they were to be put. The drag bounded along over roots and stones, and among the stumps, generally drawn by oxen often driven by boys—a kind of driving which would not be relished by the youthful drivers of "fast horses" in these later days. And when the roots had become sufficiently brittle to admit of the use of the plow, an instrument was used, which it would puzzle the young men of the present day to give a name. The idea of a cast iron plow had not then entered the brain of the inventor. This plow was invented by Jethro Wood, of Scipio, Cayuga Co., N. Y., about fifty years ago; though it is a much less number of years since it came into general use. The improvements since made in the plow and the harrow; the invention of cultivators, drills for sowing and planting, and other labor-saving implements, have changed the aspect of farming, and increased incalculably the power of production.

In harvesting, the change is most striking. Before the decay and removal of stumps permitted the use of the grain cradle, the cutting of grain was mostly done with the sickle, now a rare instrument, not at all used for its original purpose. It was then a staple article of merchandise. In the old Day-Books and Journals of the early merchants, if they could be



found, might be seen the charge, "To 1 Sickle," under the names of scores of customers, followed, in the cases of many, by that other charge, "To 1 Gal. Whisky," an article then deemed by some as necessary in the harvesting operation as the instrument itself. The cradle, which superseded the sickle, is now fast giving way—in many parts of the country has wholly done so already—to the reaper, an instrument then not more likely to be invented than the photographic art, or the means of hourly intercourse with people on the other side of the Atlantic. Single fields of wheat of one hundred to five hundred acres each, are not rare in some of the Western States. Let a man imagine an attempt to cut these immense fields of grain by handfuls with the sickle, and he can not fail to appreciate the invention of the reaper. Grain was threshed with the flail, ten to twenty bushels a day, and cleaned with a fan—an instrument which most of our readers have never seen, and which we will not undertake to describe. It was superseded by the fanning-mill, which, though not a new invention, was not easily obtained by the first settlers. A single machine now receives the sheaves and delivers the cleaned grain at the rate of one hundred to two hundred bushels a day. And a reaper is in use at the West, which carries two binders, and drops along its track the cut grain in sheaves, bound.

In hay harvesting, also, improvements would seem to have reached perfection, when a lad of sufficient age to drive a team, mows from fifty to one hundred acres of meadow in an ordinary haying season, and the hay is all raked during the same time by a single hand.

#### STOCK RAISING.

Early attention was given to the raising of stock. In a large portion of the Holland Purchase, it has become the principal branch of agriculture. The first settlers moved on with ox-teams, and each brought a cow, few more than one. For several years, their little "clearings" were insufficient to

furnish keeping for the smallest herds. Before they had pastures and meadows, cattle run in the woods during summer, feeding on herbage and browse. Leeks, with which the woods abounded, and which appeared almost as soon as the snow was off, were a tolerable substitute for hay and early pasture. In the winter, the lack of hay was chiefly supplied with straw and corn-stalks from the first grain crops, and browse. Much of the chopping was done in winter; and cattle were driven to the woods to feed on the tops of the fallen trees. In process of time, settlers were enabled, from the increase of their stock, to supply "new comers," who saved the expense of driving cows by buying here. And stock raising in time became to many the most profitable branch of farming. When there was no longer a home demand for the surplus grain, nor any other accessible market, cattle, though very cheap, were sold to drovers and driven to eastern cities, when grain would not bear transportation to the nearest market.

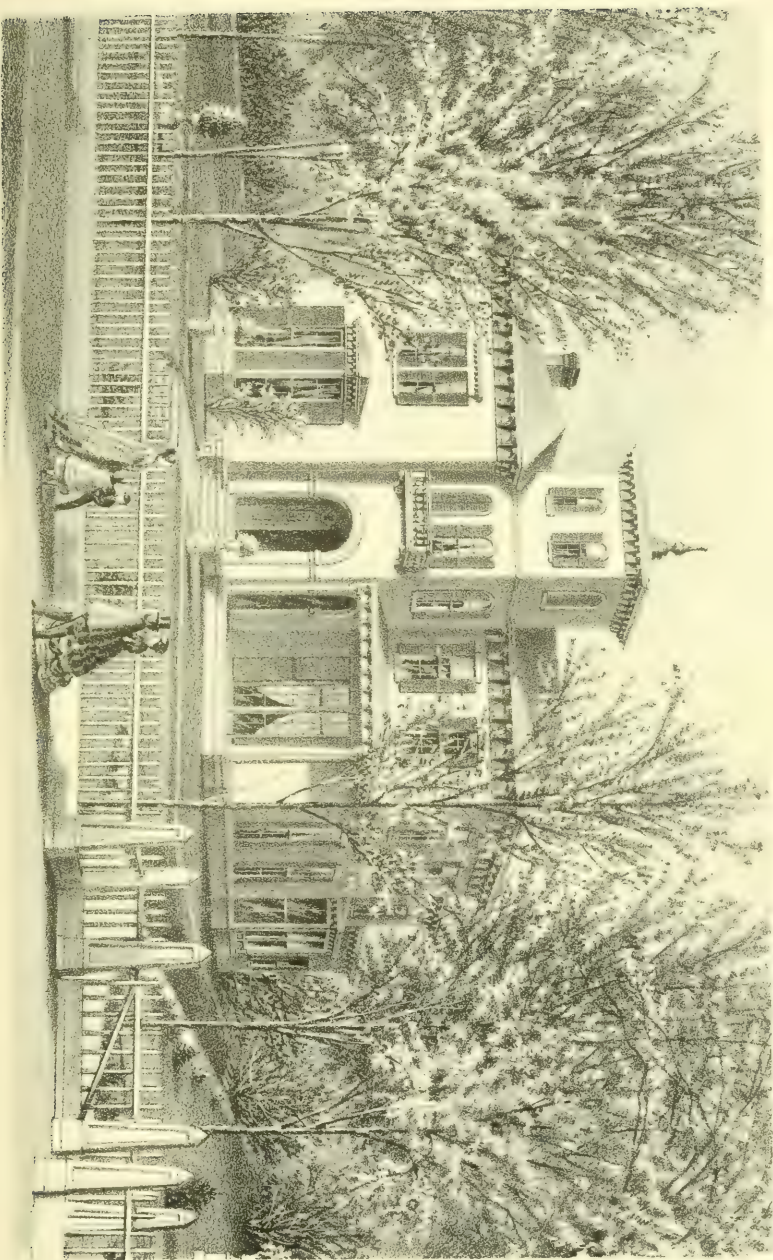
The first crops of grain were abundant in all the Holland Purchase. But when the land came to be plowed, the products began to decrease; and in large portions of it, the raising of breadstuffs proved a failure. This was the case in the western towns of this county. Farmers continued to plow, and kept comparatively poor. They turned to grazing; and from the products of the dairy and the sheep-fold, they paid for their farms, and became rich. The introduction of improved breeds of cattle and sheep, and improvements in the making of butter and cheese, have contributed greatly to this result. Cheese factories have been built in most of the towns in this county. Twenty-four were in operation the last year. Of the products of these factories we have not the means of forming even a tolerable estimate.

#### FRUIT CULTURE.

Fruit culture, too, has proved a material source of profit. Almost the first acre of the early settler's "clearing," was

made the beginning of a large apple orchard. The crop in time became abundant, and for the surplus there was no market; and many farmers cut down a large portion of their trees. They soon learned their mistake. Instead of continuing to contract, they are now rapidly extending the area of their orchards to meet the constantly increasing demand for this staple fruit. Many a farmer in Western New York receives a greater profit from his orchard, than from the rest of a large and fertile farm. So great a portion of the West—all that lies in the more northern latitudes—must ever remain dependent upon other parts of the Union, that there need be no fear of an unsalable surplus. And we may add the fact—perhaps not generally known—that the apples from Western New York are preferred to those from other sections of the Union.

In view of the various modern improvements, by which the labor of farming has been so much lightened, and so well rewarded, it is not strange that the business has been increasing in the popular favor. It is becoming as attractive as it is honorable.



RESIDENCE OF AUGUSTUS FRANK





## TRADE—MERCHANTS.

ALTHOUGH the first dwellings and school-houses were built of logs, we believe there was never in this town a *log store*. There have been many on the Holland Purchase, however; and we have seen several within the present limits of this county. Asheries were established in new settlements, and their proprietors kept small lots of the more common articles of merchandise in a part of their log dwellings, or erected a building of the same material for a store. And we have seen in some of them good assortments, comprising nearly the usual variety found in stores generally.

The early stores bore a striking contrast to those of the present time. A hardware store, a drug store, a book store, or grocery store, as such, was not, until a late period, known in country villages. A store comprising a single class of goods could not, among a sparse and poor population, be sustained. Hence merchants kept, and would enumerate in their show-bills and advertisements, "Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery and Glass-ware, Hardware, Iron—Bar, Band, Hoop, and Sheet Iron—Nails, School Books and Stationery, Dye-woods and Dye-stuffs," and sometimes adding, "Drugs and Medicines," and not excepting "Brandy, Rum, Gin, and Whisky;" and this list would be supplemented with a string of *et ceteras*, or, "every other article usually found in country stores."

It will be readily imagined to have been no inconsiderable item in a merchant's business to make his semi-annual purchases. Preparations for his periodical visits to Albany and New York were commenced weeks beforehand. The time of absence would vary from two to four weeks, according to the state of the roads; and leaving for New York was attended with about as much circumstance and ceremony, as is now observed on leaving for a tour to Europe.

Few goods were sold for cash. Almost all trade was on the credit and barter system; as well that of the merchant as that among the people in general. Notes were made payable in grain, lumber, cattle, and other commodities, and sometimes contained the stipulation, "at cash price;" for almost every country product, as well as merchants' goods, had two prices, a cash and a barter or credit price; though it was by no means an easy matter to ascertain the cash price, which, after all, depended materially upon the mutual agreement of the parties. Merchants often suffered much loss by this system of business. Notwithstanding the high per centage charged as profits on their goods, losses by bad debts, (many customers being very poor,) and losses on grain and other commodities, which it was difficult, sometimes impossible, to turn into cash, rendered the mercantile business a precarious and hazardous one.

Warsaw was for many years the center of trade for an extensive region. At Attica, and Batavia, and Le Roy, were the nearest stores in those directions. Perry was the only adjoining town in which there was a store. The northern towns of Allegany county, and the town of Castile in our own county, (then Genesee,) found here a market for large quantities of pine lumber, with which those towns then abounded. It was here exchanged for goods and grain. Much of the grain taken by the merchants for goods was thus disposed of.

To the south-west, trade extended far into Allegany and Cattaraugus counties. Maple sugar, long an important article of trade, came in large quantities from that quarter. But from its superabundance, and the inhabitants generally supplying themselves, the price was at times as low as four or five cents a pound. Brown sugars of the kinds now used, were seldom found in the early country stores. Almost the only sugar brought from New York, was the white, refined sugar, put up in hard, tall, solid loaves of a conical form, and hence called lump or loaf sugar, and was wrapped in strong and coarse paper. This refined sugar was sold chiefly for

sweetening medicines and the liquors of tavern-keepers, who bought it in large quantities.

Ashes were a more important article of trade. In every place of considerable business, there was at least one merchant who had an ashery and bought the ashes made in the neighborhood, the lye of which was boiled into pot-ash. Raw ashes, of which large quantities were made in the fields from the timber burned in clearing land, not admitting of transportation a great distance, it was necessary to concentrate their virtue into smaller bulk. The lye was boiled down to the consistence of thick mortar, called "black salts," which were brought to this village a distance of twenty or thirty miles from the south-west. Hence the necessity also of a pearl-ashery for converting the salts into pearl ashes. This was done by baking, or rather *burning* them in a large oven brought almost to a red heat. The value of this trade will readily appear from the fact, that pot and pearl ashes, containing great value in small weight and bulk, might be transported a great distance. Hence they were taken by teams to Geneseo and Rochester, where they always commanded cash; and sometimes, before the construction of the Erie canal, to Albany, by teams, which were loaded back with merchants' goods. Pot and pearl ashes being so readily turned into cash, the manufacturers would often pay for salts and raw ashes in part, sometimes wholly, in cash.

To facilitate the collection of debts, merchants sometimes received cattle on accounts from their customers, and drove them to eastern markets, or sold them to drovers from the east. Cattle were cheap in those days. A pair of good working oxen could be bought for fifty or sixty dollars; steers three years old, for fifteen dollars a head; steers two years old, for about ten dollars. Pork also was taken on account, at prices which contrast strikingly with those paid within the last few years. Well fattened pork, dressed, has been bought here for two dollars and a half per hundred.

## STORES.

Almon Stevens came in with a store of goods as agent for John Dixon, in Jan., 1813. The bar-room of Judge Webster's tavern, (no longer kept by him as such,) was used for a store, until a store was built, which was the small building removed a few years since to clear the ground for the new Presbyterian church, and which now stands on Liberty street, opposite the Fair grounds. After about two years, Almon Stevens and his brother Henry bought the stock in trade, and continued the business about two years, and discontinued it in 1817, or 1818.

In 1815, Simeon Cummings, who that year made his land purchase of Judge Webster, in connection with Dr. Sheldon, and a Mr. Brigham, established a store, under the firm of C. L. Sheldon & Co. It was kept in the small red building, afterwards used many years as a dwelling, and finally removed to make room for the Episcopal church. The store was discontinued in 1816.

In the winter of 1816-17, Erastus Beach, of Mt. Morris, opened a store on the west side of Main street, nearly opposite the present site of the brick hotel. It was continued less than a year.

In 1817, Elisha Parmele opened a store in the building, elsewhere noticed as "the cider-mill," a few rods west of the mill-race on Buffalo street, and occupied it until he had built a new store near the north tavern, afterwards removed to the corner opposite to and south of the Brick Hotel, and known as the "old yellow store." He stopped trade in the winter or spring of 1824.

In or about the year 1818, Drs. Sheldon & Frank commenced trade on a small scale, or added some family necessities to their Drugs and Medicines in a small building, twelve by sixteen feet, standing east side of Main street, facing Buffalo street, and used also for a Post-Office. It may still be seen on Water street, where it forms a wing to a

dwelling-house. The compound word, "Post-Office," thinly covered with white paint, may still be read on the frieze. A larger store was soon built, occupied by that firm for a few years, and afterwards by Dr. Sheldon, and Sheldon & Bascom. Since the addition of a lower story, and a change in the appearance in its front, by its present proprietor, it has been designated as "Dr. Bartlett's Gothic."

In 1818, Homer and Ebenezer C. Kimberly opened a store in the building formerly occupied by Almon Stevens, near the Presbyterian church. In 1820, they occupied their new store on the north corner of Main and Buffalo streets, now called the "Bank corner," the Bank having since been pressed in between the street and the spot previously occupied by the corner building. In 1822 the firm was dissolved, and the business was continued by Ebenezer C. Kimberly until 1828.

In the spring of 1822, Dr. Frank, having dissolved with Dr. Sheldon, and built a new store on the west side of Main street, near the ground now occupied by A. & G. W. Frank, commenced business in his own name alone, and continued the business for nearly thirty years from that time, and, until within a few years of his death, in the same building.

In 1824 or 1825, Elias R. Bascom, a clerk of Dr. Sheldon, became a partner in the concern, and so continued, it is believed, until the death of Dr. Sheldon, in March, 1828. Mr. Bascom continued business until 1832 or 1833, alone, except a very short period of partnership under the firm of Bascom & Whitcomb.

About the year 1825, John McWhorter and John M. Cumings commenced trade in the "yellow store," and continued business a year or two.

In Sept., 1828, A. W. Young removed his goods from Wethersfield, and commenced business in the corner store building, bought of E. C. Kimberly. In Sept., 1830, he took in Joshua H. Darling as a partner; and business was continued under the firm of A. W. Young & Co., until the next



year, when Mr. Young withdrew from the firm; and in the spring of 1832, Mr. Darling sold to Young & Webster, who were succeeded the same year by Mr. Darling, who bought, with the store and goods, the dwelling-house and lot now owned by Timothy H. Buxton.

In 1831, Isaac C. Bronson joined Dr. Frank in trade. In 1836, he left the concern, and commenced business in the "yellow store," and in 1837, he took into partnership his brother-in-law, Chauncey C. Gates, who, in 1843, sold out his interest to Andrew G. Hammond.

In 1833 or 1834, Andrew G. Hammond came to Warsaw as agent for John Dixon, of Richmond, and after about a year, removed to Ohio, with the goods. After closing business there, and being employed as Cashier in Kalamazoo, Mich., and in Florida, he returned to Warsaw, and became a partner of Isaac C. Bronson, as above stated, in the year 1843.

About the year 1837, Alanson Holly and James M. Darling bought Dr. Frank's goods, and traded one year. After this, Mr. Holly bought Joshua H. Darling's stock of goods at the corner store, and traded alone a year.

About the year 1842, Morrison & Faulkner opened a store in Warsaw. Within a year or two after, Faulkner retired from the firm, and Morrison continued business a year or more, sold out his goods, and returned to New York. He is now one of the firm of Lathrop, Ludington & Co., wholesale Dry Goods dealers in that city.

In 1843, Roswell Gould, who had traded fifteen years in South Warsaw, removed to the village, and continued the business until 1851, when he sold his stock of goods to Webster & Andrews.

In May, 1845, the Comstocks of Le Roy, and Elijah W. Andrews, of Warsaw, under the firm of A. O. Comstock & Co., established a store in Warsaw. In 1848, Abel Webster became a partner, and the firm was changed to Comstock, Andrews & Co. In 1850, Webster retired. Comstock &

Andrews, in 1851, sold out to Watson, Murray & Co. In 1853, E. D. Day retired from this firm; and in 1853, Watson & Murray sold to E. W. Andrews, who, in 1856, sold to S. A. Murray, who, in 1857, sold to Albert Purdy, who continued business until February, 1867, when his store was destroyed by fire.

In 1851, after Comstock & Andrews had sold to Watson, Murray & Co., Webster & Andrews bought out Roswell Gould. In 1853, Abel Webster bought the interest of his partner, and continued business until his death, in 1859.

In 1845, Alonzo Choate bought of Roswell Gould his store and goods at South Warsaw, and continued business until 1854, when he sold half his interest to Gurdon G. Clark, who conducted the business; and Mr. Choate established a store in the village, in the south end of the Gould Block, now owned and occupied by Thomas S. Glover, and continued business one year. The store at South Warsaw was discontinued soon after.

In 1847, Augustus Frank, Jun., commenced trade, which he continued alone many years, when he admitted his brother George W. The business, under the firm of A. & G. W. Frank, still continues.

J. M. Darling and Allen Y. Breck, (Darling & Breck,) commenced trade at the old "corner store," (year not recollected,) and continued, it is believed, several years. Mr. Breck subsequently, in different stores, alone, and with Seth M. Gates, and later as one of the firm of Breck, Gates & Hurds, (Chester Hurd and Son,) carried on the business for several years.

In 1848, Benjamin F. Fargo and his brother, Francis F., sons of David Fargo, commenced the mercantile business in this village. About a year after, John M., son of Allen Fargo, became a partner; and the firm was changed to B. F. Fargo & Co. In 1851, F. F. and John having retired, David and Allen came into the concern, the name of the firm remaining unchanged. In 1857, the firm was dissolved, and

the dry goods business discontinued. B. F. Fargo afterward commenced the grocery and provision trade, in which he continues.

In 1862, George L. Foote, R. O. Holden, and Thomas S. Glover, of Batavia, established a store in this village, under the firm of G. L. Foote & Co. In 1864, Mr. Glover bought the stock of the firm, and still continues the business.

#### HARDWARE STORES.

As has been already stated, Hardware was for many years a part of the stock of country merchants generally. In October, 1830, John Windsor, from Pike, commenced in this village the manufacture of Tin and Sheet Iron ware. In 1842, Joshua H. and J. Madison Darling bought the stock of Mr. Windsor, and added a general assortment of Hardware. They continued business about a year.

In July, 1843, Seth M. Gates and Henry Garretsee (Gates & Garretsee) bought the goods of J. H. & J. M. Darling, and commenced the Stove, Tin, and Hardware business, and continued it until the year 1852, when Mr. Gates left the concern, and his place was taken by his brother Chauncey C., (firm C. C. Gates & Co.) Business was conducted by them four years, when Miles H. Morris became a partner, and the firm (H. Garretsee & Co.) continued until 1858, when Mr. Gates left the firm. Garretsee & Morris continued the business until 1863, when the firm was dissolved. The business has since been conducted by H. Garretsee, who continues also the casting of stoves and other articles. The sales of stoves by this establishment, commencing with Gates & Garretsee, have been exceeded by few if any west of Genesee river, outside of the cities. Thousands have been carried by teams into other counties, especially into the counties of Allegany and Cattaraugus.

About the time Gates & Garretsee began business, perhaps a little later, Perry & Israel Hodge commenced the same business. Perry soon after sold his interest to Noble Morris,

(firm Hodge & Morris.) Otis S. Buxton bought Hodge's interest; and Morris & Buxton subsequently sold one-third of their interest to C. & T. Buxton. Morris afterwards sold his interest to the Buxtons, who next sold to Morris & Lewis, (Simeon D.,) who still continue the business.

Ammi H. Carpenter has, at different times, carried on the Tin and Sheet Iron and Stove business, alone and with partners.

#### DRUG STORES.

Dr. Chauncey L. Sheldon, the first physician in this town, was probably the first dealer in Drugs and Medicines. Being Postmaster, he kept them in his Post-Office, a small building, twelve by sixteen feet, standing on the east side of Main street, nearly opposite the Bank corner. The building, after two removals, may be seen on Water street, where it forms the wing of a small dwelling, and may be known now, and probably for the period of at least another generation, by the compound word, "Post-Office," painted on the frieze, in shaded letters, partially obliterated by a coat of white paint. In 1817, Dr. Sheldon was joined in professional business by Dr. Augustus Frank, and the building continued to be used for the same purpose a year or two, when they went into the regular mercantile business in their new store, Drugs and Medicines forming a part of their stock. After their dissolution, Dr. Frank also connected with his store this branch of trade; and the more common drugs and patent medicines were kept by merchants generally.

The first drug store in the place, separate from general merchandise, was established about the year 1847 or 1848, by Edwin H. Lansing, of Nunda. With this business, however, he connected the sale of Books and Stationery, of which he kept a more extensive assortment than other merchants. Mr. Lansing, alone and in partnership with Charles J. Judd, and perhaps others, continued in business until 1855, when he sold out his interest and removed to Rockford, Ill. Mr. Judd has also been connected with James C. Ferris and Simeon D. Lewis in this business.

Artemas Blake, either alone or in partnership, was in the Drug and Grocery business many years, until he was burned out in the fire of February, 1867.

A Drug and Grocery store was kept a few years by George Duryce and his brothers-in-law, Josiah S. and John B. Matthews. In the fall of 1861, Alanson Holly bought the stock; continued the business three years, and sold his goods to Blake & Homer, who were in the same business. Theirs was then the only Drug store in the town.

April 1, 1867, James O. McClure commenced the Drug business, which he still continues.

In 1868, Chauncey C. Buxton and Frank Lewis (Buxton & Lewis) established a new Drug store, connecting with it also the Grocery business.

#### BOOKSTORES.

School-books and the more common articles of stationery were, until a quite late period, sold by merchants in general. And for many years after the book-trade had been concentrated in the hands of those called "book-sellers," it was found necessary to connect with it some one or more other branches of trade. The earliest book-sellers, it is believed, were Charles J. Judd and Edwin L. Fuller. In 1851, Mr. Fuller sold his stock of books and other goods to Nehemiah Park.

The book business, soon after, went chiefly into the hands of Lewis E. Walker, who confines himself to the several departments of this trade.

#### GROCERIES.

The trade in Groceries has been abandoned by our Dry Goods merchants, and is chiefly confined to the Grocery and Provision dealers proper, and to the Druggists, who usually keep groceries. Of Grocers, there have been many who have done extensive business; but it would be impossible to obtain a full list of them. Nor would its insertion be compatible with the limits prescribed to this work.



## MANUFACTURES.

## SAW-MILLS AND GRIST-MILLS.

THE first saw-mill in this town is said to have been built by Judge Webster in 1804. But, as has been shown, it could not have been in operation before the next year. [See p. 43.] It was on O-at-ka creek, about a mile and a half south of the village, near where the road up the East Hill crosses the stream, and near the sites of the old Morris grist-mill and of the saw-mill now owned by Leonard Martin. A mill was built at an early day on the west branch of the O-at-ka, at or near the place now known as Frankville, and where Dr. Frank and Samuel McWhorter erected another in 1825. In the year 1813, another was built by Samuel Hough on the same stream about a mile east of the line of Orangeville, and afterwards owned or run by William S. Stone. There have been mills running on this site for many years, by different persons. It was for a long time known as "Whiting's saw-mill." Another was built on the same stream above the Whiting mill, three-fourths of a mile east of Orangeville, by Amos Picket. On this site, mills have since been owned or rebuilt by several different persons.

In 1827, a saw-mill was built by Jonathan and Andrew W. Young, on the farm of the former, a short distance above the Picket mill before mentioned. This mill was never rebuilt. Another was built on a small stream in the southwest part of the town, and owned by different persons, among whom was Nathaniel Moss.

The only saw-mills now running in this town, are the mill of Leonard Martin before mentioned; the mill connected with the Map Roller factory at Martinville, a mile and a half south of the village; and the mill of the Patterson Manufacturing Company in the village.

The first grist-mill in town was the Morris mill already mentioned, left unfinished by Joseph Mauley, a little below

South Warsaw. This mill is said to have been built in 1806; but it is not certain that it was in running order until the next year.

The third grist-mill in this town was built in the village by Simeon Cummings, of Batavia, in 1816, on the land bought of Judge Webster. Mr. Cummings having failed to pay the purchase money, the property was sold in 1818, at Sheriff's sale, to Trumbull Cary, of Batavia, who continued sole owner of the mill until March, 1822, when he sold one-half of his interest in it to John Wilder, who then became a resident of the village. In 1837, he sold his interest to Ichabod and Martin Hodge, whose interest afterwards fell into the hands of Mr. Cary, who was then again sole proprietor. In April, 1842, he sold one-half to Isaac C. Bronson, and the 1st of May the other half to Leonard Wilkin. January 13, 1849, Wilkin sold out to Stephens Whiteher, and in September, 1850, Bronson and Whiteher both sold to George Reed. April 1, 1852, Reed sold one-half to Edwin H. Lansing, and November 1, 1852, the other half to Charles J. Judd. In March, 1855, Lansing sold his half to James C. Ferris, and in March, 1856, Judd sold his half to Ferris. July 18, 1859, Ferris sold his whole interest to James and John W. Sprague. In 1854, John W. Sprague became, and is still, the sole proprietor. It is now more than fifty years since this mill was built. Of course little, if any, of the original structure remains except the frame, which has been considerably enlarged since the building was first erected.

In 1814 or 1815, a grist-mill was built by Cyrus Webster at the head of the "Gulf" on West Hill, propelled by the small stream which there enters the ravine, and by an "over-shot" wheel. It was a small mill; but it was a considerable convenience to the people living west of the village, until the mill in the village was built; after which it was run but a short time before it was destroyed by fire.

In 1826, Abial Lathrop built a grist-mill near South Warsaw. He afterwards sold the mill to Willard Stearns and

John F. Clark. Stearns sold to Roswell Gould, and Gould to John Truesdell. Truesdell and Clark rebuilt in 1833, and run it eighteen or twenty years. Truesdell bought out Clark, and after managing it a short time, he sold back to Clark a half interest; and it was run by them a few years. Truesdell then sold his half to Deacon Eliphalet Owen, of Middlebury. Owen sold to Enoch Hovey; Hovey to Webster and Andrews; they to Alonzo Choate; and Choate to Leonard Wilkin. Next Clark sold his half interest to Joshua H. Darling, and Darling to Wilkin, who was then sole owner. Wilkin afterwards sold out his whole interest to Robert R. Munger and his son Samuel. This son is now sole proprietor.

A few years after the erection of the saw-mill of McWhorter and Frank, Dr. Frank built just below it a grist-mill, which was run a few years, and converted into a wool-carding and a turning machine, which were not long in operation.

The woolen manufactory erected by Gardner, Utter & Co., elsewhere noticed, came into the hands of Robert R. Munger, and was by him converted into a grist-mill, which has since been owned successively by Oliver C. Chapman, Brown (George) & Milliman, Taylor & Milliman, Taylor & Durfee, and C. K. & A. Brown, its present owners.

There are at present three grist-mills in this town—the two in the village, and the one in the south part of the town.

#### WOOLEN MANUFACTURE.

For a long time previous to the first settlement of this town, and for many years afterwards, most of the woolen goods worn in the families of farmers, were of household manufacture. Many now living remember when carding machines first relieved their mothers from the tedious process of carding the wool by hand. This labor saving machine, however, had become common when this town was settled; and some of the earliest settlers were obliged to send wool a great distance to be carded. As soon as the flocks in this and the adjacent towns were sufficient to warrant the enterprise, a wool-card-

ing and cloth dressing establishment was put up in this town. It was built by Seymour Ensign, in the south part of the town, on the small stream which crosses the road near Rufus Morris's in South Warsaw, on the west side of the road. Another was afterwards built by Simeon R. Glazier, in the same neighborhood, on O-at-ka creek, which was destroyed by fire, and rebuilt. It was owned at different times by several persons.

In 1816, a carding and cloth-dressing establishment was built in the village near the grist-mill, by Samuel Hough and Elijah Norton. After two years, Orson Hough acquired the interest of his father. Norton & Hough carried on the business two or three years, and built in the south part of the village, on or near the present site of Garretsee's foundry. After about two years, Hough became the sole owner, and continued so until about the year 1838, when he sold to William K. Crooks, with whose term of proprietorship the business ended; and the establishment was converted first into a tannery, by Daniel Young, and next into a furnace and machine shop. It has for many years been, and is still, owned and kept in operation, by Mr. Henry Garretsee, who has also connected with it a carding machine.

In 1825, Conable & Moss enlarged their business in South Warsaw, by the establishment of a proper Woolen Factory, which, after three years, they sold to David Seymour. At the end of one year, Conable became joint proprietor with Seymour, and soon after, sole owner, and continued so three years. He then sold half of his interest to Joseph Pike. After two years, William Webster bought Conable's remaining interest, and at the end of one year sold to Edward Naramore. The partnership of Pike & Naramore continued nine or ten years, when they sold to Chester Hurd & Son, who retained and used the carding machines for custom work, and attached to the building a machine shop. They run them about two years, when they were destroyed by fire.

In 1841, a woolen factory was established by —— Gardner, Isaac Utter, Isaac C. Bronson, and John Windsor, under the firm of Gardner, Utter & Co. It was run by them a number of years, when Gardner and Windsor left the concern, and Erastus D. Day became a partner with Bronson & Utter. Utter, Day & Co., carried on the business for a few years, when the mercantile firm of Comstock, Andrews & Co., became partners; and the firm was changed to E. D. Day & Co., and so remained until the business was discontinued, and the building sold to Robert R. Munger, who turned it into a grist-mill, elsewhere noticed. An extensive manufacturing business was done at this establishment during the earlier years of its existence. Its fabrics were sold throughout Western New York.

#### CARRIAGE MANUFACTURE.

For a number of years prior to 1824, the business of wagon repairing and the making of lumber sleighs, was done by Ephriam Beebe. In 1824, the carriage and sleigh-making business was established by Horace Hollister, which, for many years, kept up with the increasing demand for work of this kind. His shop was on Water street, a few rods north of the residence of Hon. Seth M. Gates, which also was built by Mr. Hollister.

In September, 1836, Mr. Hollister sold out his establishment to the Buxton brothers, William, Chauncey, and Timothy. At the end of the first year, William withdrew from the firm, and the business was continued by C. & T. Buxton for nearly thirty years. After having done business here a few years, they removed their shop to its present location, near the Baptist church, on Main street. They have from time to time made additions to their buildings to meet the increased demand for their work. They began with a capital of a few hundred dollars, and had to buy almost wholly on credit. Their work soon acquired a high reputation for strength and durability, and their business continued to in-



crease, until large quantities of their manufacture went out of this state into Pennsylvania, Illinois, and California. Nearly \$15,000 worth was sold in Illinois in a single year. Their aggregate annual sales for several years ranged from \$20,000 to nearly \$30,000. While others of their trade have had to succumb to "hard times," their business, though for several years materially depressed, has always been remunerative.

Having successfully prosecuted their business until October, 1866, (thirty years,) Chauncey sold his interest to Ferris W. Norton and Charles E. Williams; and the firm was changed to T. H. Buxton & Co. An additional partner, Mr. Crippen, has since been admitted, without a change of firm.

An establishment of this kind for plain work was conducted for several years on a limited scale in South Warsaw, by Jeremiah Ensign.

Another similar manufactory has lately been commenced in this village by Jacob W. Knapp, Eli Dibble, and James M. Fullington, on Genesee street.

#### TANNERIES.

When and by whom the first Tannery was built, we can not state with certainty. Deacon John Munger came to Warsaw in 1806, and bought a farm half a mile south of the village. He was by trade a tanner and currier, and carried on that business for many years with his farming. If, as is probable, he built his tannery soon after his coming in, his was, it is presumed, the first in town. It was carried on by him about twenty years.

In 1814, Calvin Rumsey established a tannery in this village, on Buffalo street, west side of the creek. He was joined in 1817 by his brother Aaron, who, after a partnership of ten years in tanning and shoemaking, sold his interest to his brother Calvin in 1827, and removed to Westfield. Several years after, Calvin sold to Miller & Preston, who conducted the business for several years. In or about the year 1836, Preston sold out his interest to Miller, and moved to

Illinois; and a few years after, Miller discontinued the business. For a number of years, the establishment was owned and conducted by different persons, when it was finally discontinued.

Abraham W. Brown built a small tannery in the east part of the town, and continued the business some fifteen or twenty years. Another was built by Solomon Truesdell in the south part of the town, in the valley, near Gainesville. It was carried on, first by himself for a number of years, afterwards by Peter R. Warren.

John Truesdell and John F. Clark established a tannery in south Warsaw, about the year 1830—perhaps a little later—which was continued many years.

Henry B. Jenks and H. A. Metcalf built a tannery in the west part of the village; and, after running it a short time, sold it, January 1, 1864, to Wolcott J. Humphrey. In 1865, Samuel B. Humphrey became a partner, and Lester H. Humphrey in 1867. In the spring of 1868, this establishment, which did an extensive business, was destroyed by fire, together with a large amount of stock, finished and unfinished. It was immediately rebuilt by S. B. Humphrey, who continues the business.

#### MAP-ROLLER FACTORY.

In 1851, Leonard L. Martin bought a water privilege a mile and a half south of the village. The next year he built a saw-mill, and in 1853, in connection with his brother, Mavor Martin, started the business of manufacturing map-rollers. Although the property and business have since been in the hands of different firms, it has most of the time been under the superintendence of one or the other of the two brothers. The present proprietors are Mavor Martin, Washington Martin, and Henry Sheldon, associated under the firm of Martin & Co.

This business was first suggested by Mr. Horace Thayer, then connected with an extensive map publishing house in New York, and rendered material assistance in starting it.

Not only did this factory supply the house for whose convenience and benefit it was chiefly designed, but its business has been greatly extended, until it probably equals any other establishment of the kind in this country. It gives employment to from ten to fifteen hands. It turns off work steadily to an average value, monthly, of about \$1,000; but it has, at times, much exceeded that amount. It consumes annually about 150,000 feet of lumber, sawed by the mill connected with it, and turns out about 125,000 rollers.

[Since the above was written, Washington Martin, of the above firm has died.]

#### FOUNDRIES.

The first Furnace or Iron Foundry was established on the north side of Buffalo street, between the corner of Water street and the bridge, by Dr. Augustus Frank and Benjamin L. Watkins, about the year 1824. It was afterwards carried on by Frank & Gregg, who manufactured stoves, plows, machinery, etc., until 1838, when it was continued by Dr. Frank and Nathan Raymond, (firm, N. Raymond & Co.,) and conducted by them three years; and then by Dr. Frank alone for several years. The business was then removed to a new brick building erected on Main street, nearly opposite the Brick Hotel, and continued for some time. In 1848, it was leased to Comstock, Andrews & Co. for three years. They continued the business two years and eight months, and sold out to Gates & Garretsee, who, after four months, removed their business to the present stand of Henry Garretsee in the south part of the village.

The business of Comstock, Andrews & Co., was about \$20,000 a year in this line. The number of cook stoves made yearly was about one thousand seven hundred, besides many box-stoves. The manufacturing of various agricultural implements, and a general machinery business, were connected with the establishment. The stoves produced by this firm were chiefly made for Gates & Garretsee, hardware merchants in this village.

Since the business passed into the hands of Gates & Garretsee, it has been carried on extensively by them and the successive firms of C. C. Gates & Co., Garretsee & Morris, and H. Garretsee, by whom it is still conducted, turning out work to the amount of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 annually.

About the year 1837, Hodge & Wilder erected works on the race directly north of Sprague's grist-mill, for the manufacture of scales, box stoves, and machinery. The business was discontinued about the year 1846, and the buildings were removed.

In 1860, William Robinson, Jun., erected a brick Furnace on Genesee street, and carried on the business about one year; next, Abraham B. Lawrence, about the same length of time; and after his enlistment in the army in August, 1862, Ira Hurd, also about a year, when it was discontinued. The building is now used by Knapp, Fullington & Co. as a wagon and carriage shop.

#### PLANING MILLS.

The first settlers, as has been stated, were unable to obtain lumber for building. Their log houses were covered with bark, and their floors were made of split basswood plank, hewed on one side. Saw-mills were soon built, but they furnished the settlers with coarse lumber only. The pine lumber used was brought chiefly from Allegany county. And we take occasion here to state, that the pine lumber trade came in time to constitute a considerable portion of the business of this village. The people in the pine region were dependent upon the more agricultural and earlier settled towns for many of the necessities of life; and vast quantities of their great staple, pine lumber, was brought in by teams, and exchanged for store goods, grain, and other commodities.

Until within a late period, lumber for the siding of houses, for doors, floors, window sash, blinds, &c., was dressed by hand. A great change has taken place. The lumber is now chiefly brought to this place by railroad; and the dressing is done by machinery.

In 1835, Chester Hurd and his son, C. Paddock Hurd, erected, a short distance in the rear of the Buxtons' Carriage Manufactory, a building for a Steam Planing Mill. They put in machinery for planing lumber, and for manufacturing all kinds of wood work required for building. They soon formed a co-partnership with S. M. Gates and Allen Y. Breck, (Gates & Breck,) merchants; and under the firm of Breck, Gates & Hurd the business was enlarged by the addition of a saw mill and other machinery.

In April, 1859, Mr. Breck and Chester Hurd sold their interest to Mr. Gates and C. P. Hurd. On the night of the 14th of October, the entire establishment, including a large lot of lumber, was destroyed by fire. The loss—nearly ten thousand dollars—was so severe, that they hesitated about rebuilding. But the citizens, regarding such an establishment of great utility to the town and surrounding country, raised about two thousand dollars to aid in rebuilding. A new building of brick was immediately erected; the business was soon resumed, and was successfully prosecuted for several years. The property was leased to Horace Thayer, who added to the saw-mill and machinery other branches of manufacturing. He had carried on the business but a short time when the property was again destroyed by fire, just six years, to a day, after the first fire. The loss to the owners was about four thousand dollars, and considerable to Mr. Thayer. The lot and the property saved were disposed of, and the business closed.

#### PATTERSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

In the spring of 1866, T. J. Patterson, J. E. Ketchum, S. Mentor Howard, Augustus Frank, Geo. W. Frank, Chauncey C. Buxton, Timothy H. Buxton, Wm. Bristol, B. B. Conable, Samuel Fisher, 2d, and Roswell Gould, formed a partnership under the name and firm of the "Patterson Manufacturing Company," with a capital sufficient to carry on the planing and various other branches of the lumber business on an



extensive scale. This establishment is on the west side of the creek, on Munger street. In addition to the various kinds of machinery which it embraces, is an excellent saw-mill, all of which are operated by steam. Its capacity for business has been increased, until it is exceeded by few similar establishments in Western New York. The title of the firm remains unchanged, though some of the original partners have disposed of their interest to others.

To the manufacture of building materials and the extensive sale of lumber, has been added the manufacture of staves and heading, and of barrels. This branch of the business is conducted by Royal T. Howard, under the firm of R. T. Howard & Co.

A material part of the buildings of this Company, is the old Presbyterian church edifice, which was bought for this purpose, and removed to its present situation on the west side of the creek.

#### CABINET MAKERS.

The first Cabinet shop of any considerable consequence was established in 1817, by Gerard Fitch and Howard Bosworth, (Fitch & Bosworth,) in the "old cider-mill," on Buffalo street. After a short time, Mr. Fitch left the business, and it was carried on for a number of years by Mr. Bosworth alone, who removed to Le Roy.

George D. Farnham (year not remembered) commenced business in the building now occupied by Edward C. Shattuck in the same business. Mr. Farnham carried on the business for many years, a small part of the time in company with his brother, Horatio N. Both removed to Silver Creek, where the latter was engaged many years in the mercantile business; the former in the hardware trade.

Of the many others who have carried on the cabinet business, we can do little more than simply give the names of some of them. We mention the following: Alanson Bartlett, — Pendleton, Moses Osgood, — Stedman, J. Spencer Bartlett, and Edward C. Shattuck.

## CARPET FACTORY.

In 1841, or the year following, Joseph J. Davidson, of Alleghany county, removed to this village and erected a building near the south bridge, for the manufacture of carpets. His manufactures, in respect to quality and the beauty of patterns and designs, compared favorably with those manufactured elsewhere. But the large establishments at the East furnishing the article at lower prices, the business was after a few years abandoned. Mr. Davidson removed to Wisconsin, and after a residence in that state of some eight or ten years, he removed to the territory of Montana, where he now resides.

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## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

It seems to have been the rule, on the Holland Purchase, to have the roads running parallel north and south, and east and west, crossing each other at right angles, and to have at least two sides of every whole lot bounded by a highway. And to preserve straight bounds to the farms, the roads were kept on lines, except where hills or swamps would render them impassable. Also important roads have been run obliquely to shorten distances.

The old road from Leicester, the first which was traveled from that place, (the "Old Buffalo Road," before mentioned,) entered the valley a mile and a half north of the center, and continued west along the line of lots to the valley of the Tonawanda, near Varysburgh. The east hill being at that place of easier ascent and descent, was probably one of the reasons for entering and leaving the valley at that distance from the principal settlement in the town, now the village. The west part of Leicester (now the town of Perry,) having become settled, a more direct road from Leicester was opened; which came into the valley three-fourths of a mile

north of the center, and was thereafter the one principally traveled until after the laying out of the

#### STATE ROAD FROM CANANDAIGUA.

In 1815, was passed an act amendatory of a previous act, authorizing a survey of the State Road from Canandaigua to Lake Erie, striking the lake eight miles above Buffalo. The road was surveyed in 1816, by Lemuel Foster. A map of this road through the town of Warsaw, with a copy of the "field notes" of the Surveyor, certified by him to be correct, is still in the Town Clerk's office; to which is appended the following:

"The preceding having been by us examined and compared with the original minutes, we do establish the same as a state road one chain and fifty links wide within the town of Warsaw.

"LEMUEL FOSTER,

"SALMON KING,

"JAMES CRONK,

*"Commissioners."*

This is the road now traveled from the Transit line through the village of Warsaw to the west line of the town, except that part of it called the "Gulf Road." What is now Genesee street was not opened until this road was constructed up the east hill. A few years later, Livingston street was opened, and, partly with a view to diminish the ascending grade, a new road was made from the head of this street to the state road, entering it a little above the head of Genesee street.

#### THE GULF ROAD.

The road by which the west hill was at first ascended, left the flats at the lower end of the ravine, near Judge Webster's, now the residence of Henry B. Jenks, turning to the left, ascending circuitously, and striking the line of the present road near the head of the ravine. This was for more than thirty years the only way of exit from the village west. The

ascent with heavy loads was difficult, requiring often an extra team. This difficulty was at length obviated by the construction of the present road through the ravine, or gulf.

A contract dated June 7, 1834, was entered into between John Truesdell, Noah Fisk, and Isaac N. Phelps, Commissioners of Highways of the town of Warsaw, on the part of the town, and Samuel McWhorter, Esq., a resident of this town, for the construction of the said road. The road was to be completed by the 1st of January, 1835, for which Mr. McWhorter was to receive the sum of \$1,000. The surface of the road was to average twenty feet in width, and to be in no place less than sixteen feet. In constructing the wall to protect the road against injury from the stream, all the stone found in the ground that should be broken were to be used, together with such as could be easily obtained from the stream. If the stone thus obtained should be insufficient, the deficiency might be supplied with timber or other material. The road was warranted for the term of ten years.

McWhorter was to receive in payment all the collectable subscriptions obtained for constructing the road; \$100 in February, 1835; \$250 in February, 1836; and the remainder in February, 1837. If any money should be appropriated by the Board of Supervisors for constructing or repairing roads and bridges in this town, before the full payment of \$1,000, the sum appropriated was to be immediately paid to Mr. McWhorter, without affecting the stipulated payments as to time. He was also to receive, in addition to the \$1,000, such portion of highway labor, as the overseers of any road district should see fit to bestow upon the road. The last payment (\$142.88,) was made June 21, 1837.

Scarcely any single improvement in this town has been of greater public benefit, than the construction of this road. Especially will it be so regarded, when we take into consideration the large amount of travel to and from the Railroad in the transportation of freight and passengers.

## BRIDGES.

The principal bridges in this town are those across O-at-ka Creek, of which there are six; two in the south part of the town, one just above and the other below South Warsaw; two in the village; and two north of it. All of them have at times required considerable sums to repair injuries from freshets. The most important of these bridges are the two in the village. They were formerly built of wood, and the damage they sometimes received was such as to make crossing dangerous, and at times even impossible. A recurrence of such an event is not likely to be witnessed within the life time of the youngest inhabitant. A few years since, a stone bridge was built, under the supervision of Frank Miller, across the creek in the south part of the village. It consists of a single arch or culvert, the foundations of which are well secured. Much of the difficulty in maintaining a bridge at that place, and preserving the road on the south side, was caused by the washing of the stream which empties into O-at-ka creek at that point. This difficulty has been obviated by changing the channel of the former, so as to form a junction with the principal stream, a few rods below the bridge.

In 1867, at an expense of five or six thousand dollars, a new stone bridge, similar to the above, was built across the O-at-ka, on Buffalo street, under the superintendence of the Commissioners, Frank Miller and Samuel Miller, 2d, who were appointed by the Board of Supervisors.



## RAILROADS.

UNTIL the year 1852, Warsaw was without Railway accommodations. The Tonawanda Railroad, from Rochester to Attica, was the first one built in this section of the state; and not long after its completion, the Attica and Buffalo road was constructed. For a time, the citizens of Warsaw made Batavia the point of taking the railroad east and west. Attica being a nearer point, a daily line of stages to that place was soon after established; and passengers and freight by railroad destined to or going from Warsaw, were received and delivered at Attica, until the completion of the Attica and Hornellsville road in 1852.

## WARSAW AND LEROY RAILROAD.

Before the completion of the roads first mentioned, a railway was projected, making Warsaw the terminus. Had this road been constructed, it would probably have increased the population of the village to several thousand, and long before this time been extended south—intersecting other roads—to the coal-mines of Pennsylvania, and thence to Pittsburgh. A brief history of this project may be interesting to many readers.

By an act of the Legislature, passed May 5, 1834, incorporating the "Warsaw and LeRoy Railroad Company," to construct a road from Warsaw along the valley of the O-at-ka, to LeRoy. The following is a copy of a notice posted along the route:

"NOTICE is hereby given that Books will be open to receive subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the Warsaw and LeRoy Railroad Company, at the Inn kept by Wm. Bingham in the village of Warsaw, on Monday, the 30th day of March next, at 12 o'clock at noon, and at Butler's Mansion House, in the village of Wyoming, on the 31st day of March next, at 12 o'clock at noon, and at the Inn kept by T. Dwight, in the vil-

lage of LeRoy, on the 1st day of April next, at 12 o'clock at noon.

H. J. REDFIED, JOHN B. SKINNER, JOHN WILDER,  
JACOB LEROY, SAMUEL McWHORTER, WM. PATTERSON,  
SETH M. GATES, AUGUSTUS FRANK, J. A. McELWAIN,  
*Commissioners."*

More than the \$100,000 of the stock required by the charter was subscribed. April 22d, the Commissioners distributed the stock, more than half of it being taken and held at Warsaw; and ten per cent. was paid in on subscribing.

A meeting of the stockholders was held at Pavilion, June 4, 1834, for the election of Directors, and the following were chosen:

JOHN A. McELWAIN,	JACOB LEROY,
JOHN WILDER,	MILES P. LAMPSON,
ORSON HOUGH,	STEPHEN O. ALMY,
AUGUSTUS FRANK,	SETH M. GATES,
ISAAC C. BRONSON,	Of LeRoy.
Of Warsaw.	

At a meeting of the Directors on the same day, the following officers were chosen:

*President*—JACOB LEROY.

*Secretary*—SETH M. GATES.

*Treasurer*—JOHN A. McELWAIN.

*Commissioners*—MILES P. LAMPSON, JOHN A. McELWAIN.

*Finance Com.*—JOSHUA LATHROP, JOSHUA H. DARLING.

Jarvis Ward, Civil Engineer, was employed to make a survey and an estimate of the expense of the road, from the foot of Fort Hill, in LeRoy, (2½ miles north of the village,) to Warsaw, accompanied by John A. McElwain and Miles P. Lampson, Commissioners. He made such survey and estimates; and on the 12th of Nov., 1835, he made his Report to the Directors. By that Report, now on file in the Clerk's office of Wyoming county, the route is declared practicable,

and the average expense per mile of building it was reported at \$3,334.24; and the entire cost of the road, not including the title to land over which it should pass, nor fencing, \$72,270.14. Elisha Johnson, Civil Engineer, was subsequently employed to make surveys and report on the practicability of the route from LeRoy to Tonawanda Railroad in Bergen. Although no written report from him is on file, the recollection of the commissioners and directors is, that he regarded the difficulties and cost of making that part of the road as much greater than the Company had supposed. This, in connection with the fact, that the Directors found it impossible to proceed as rapidly with the construction of the road as the charter required, and their failing to induce the Legislature to grant them an extension of time, led to the abandonment of the project. And on the 29th day of July, 1836, a resolution was passed by the Board of Directors, authorizing the President and Secretary to pay back to the stockholders \$19.83 on each share owned by them, they having paid \$20 on each share; and the money was accordingly repaid to them, and the enterprise abandoned.

#### ATTICA AND HORNELLSVILLE RAILROAD.

The Railway which passes through Warsaw and constitutes a part of the main line of the Erie Railway from New York to Buffalo, was originally called the "Attica and Hornellsville Railroad." The New York and Erie Railroad was intended to run only from New York to Dunkirk; but the city of Buffalo, with its extensive and increasing commerce and manufactures, was not to be lost sight of, and parties at an early day looked for a connection of Buffalo with New York by the Erie road. In 1850, the project was brought forward and pushed with vigor. The New York Central road was then in use between Albany and Buffalo by the way of Attica. The construction of a new road from Attica to Hornellsville, a distance of sixty miles, would make the desired connection, and furnish Warsaw railroad facilities which would probably never

be otherwise acquired. A public meeting was called in August of that year. Urgent appeals to our citizens were made, asking for pecuniary aid. The "Mirror" newspaper persistently urged forward the enterprise, in articles like the following:

"Warsaw, wake up! If Warsaw will take \$50,000 of the stock of the Attica and Hornellsville Railroad, it will secure the completion of the work. Can we not do it? We can if we will. The farmers of this town are abundantly able to take that amount. Farmers, your lands will be increased in value from five to ten dollars an acre, and you will always have a home cash market for your produce. You can afford to subscribe liberally. Rouse then to action! for your interests are at stake."

The "New Yorker" also urged subscriptions, and their interest became general. The amount of stock required was subscribed by persons along the route and at Buffalo; and in September an organization was effected. In October, a contract was made with Lauman, Rockafellow and Moore, for constructing the road, they furnishing all the materials except the iron—the road to be completed by the first of May, 1852. The work was immediately commenced, and rapidly pushed to completion.

The question is often asked: "Why did not the road pass through the village?" In getting out of the valley south, there would be an ascent of about three hundred feet, which would render a heavy freight business impossible. In reply to the fault-finding of many because the road was kept out of the valley, a village paper remarked: "We know it would be more convenient were the ground level from here to the road; but *all* the blessings and conveniences are not centered upon any one location. If we lived in a level country, we could not live in this pleasant valley; and if we prefer such a valley for our residence, with its beautiful green hills forever looking down and smiling upon us, we must climb the hills to get to the railroad—that's all."

Before the road was completed, the New York Central company sold their road bed from Attica to Buffalo to the Attica and Hornellsville company, thus giving to the latter a continuous line from Hornellsville to Buffalo. On Monday, July 26, 1852, the first train of cars arrived at the Warsaw station. A large crowd of citizens had assembled, awaiting its arrival, and at its appearance sent up cheer after cheer. Although the road has been unprofitable to the stockholders, the town has been greatly benefited. A market has been brought near our farmers, and the value of real estate has been greatly enhanced. Our citizens contributed much by their earnest effort, as well as by their subscriptions, towards the accomplishment of this important work. Isaac C. Bronson, John A. McElwain, and Augustus Frank, have been at different times Directors, and later Mr. Frank Vice-President. The road has since passed into the hands of the Erie Railway Company, and is an important part of the great line of travel from New York to the West.

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## C E M E T E R I E S .

The selection of the old ground as a burial place for the dead in this town, was accidental, and not the result of previous consultation or formal action on the part of the citizens. In the spring of 1804, as has been elsewhere stated, when there were but two or three families at the center, and about as many in remote parts of the town, Sterling Stearns removing from Wright's Corners to the south-east corner of this town, stopped over night at Mr. Webster's, where an infant son of Mr. Stearns, two years old, was taken sick and died. Amos Keeney, William Webster, and Elijah Cutting, cut away a few trees, dug a grave, and buried the child. An infant son of Nehemiah Fargo, of about five years of age, drowned in the O-at-ka creek the ensuing fall, was next



buried in that ground. The third burial was that of Dwight Noble, the first adult person who died in this town in January, 1807. In due time, definite bounds were fixed, and the lot inclosed.

This being the principal burial place in the town, it became necessary, in process of time, to enlarge the yard; and a tier of lots was added on the south side. It soon became apparent, that in a few years a further enlargement would be necessary; and as sufficient adjoining territory could not be obtained, ground must be sought elsewhere. For several years the subject was discussed and plans proposed; but no definitive action was taken. In March, 1850, the following notice appeared in the village papers:

“PUBLIC NOTICE.—The citizens of the town of Warsaw are requested to meet at the Court House on Saturday, the 30th instant, at one o'clock, P. M., to take into consideration the subject of enlarging the present burying ground, or purchasing land for a new one. All persons interested in the subject, and especially those who desire to purchase lots, are urgently requested to attend the meeting.

“WARSAW, March 23, 1850.

MANY CITIZENS.”

At a meeting held at the Court House on the day appointed, NEWBURY BRONSON, Chairman, and ALANSON HOLLY, Secretary, the *Warsaw Cemetery Association* was formed, under the act of 1847, “authorizing the incorporating of Rural Cemetery Associations.” Nine Trustees were elected, viz.: Elijah Norton, Edwin B. Miller, George W. Morris, Abel Webster, Alanson Holly, John A. McElwain, Joshua H. Darling, Timothy H. Buxton, and Allen Fargo. The first Monday in April was fixed for holding annual meetings; and a resolution was adopted, instructing the Trustees to “purchase the lot, (being about five acres,) of R. R. Munger, on the west side of the road, opposite the old burying-ground.”

The ground above designated was accordingly purchased. It was laid out into sections forty feet square, each of which

was divided into eight lots, ten by twenty feet each. Carriage roads also are laid out, so as to admit the passing of carriage processions near every lot.

The dedication of the Cemetery, with appropriate religious ceremonies, took place on the 7th of September, on the grounds of the Cemetery. The services were participated in by the several clergymen present; the Address was delivered by Judge W. Riley Smith. Four original Hymns, written, respectively, by A. W. Wood, L. M. Wiles, A. Holly, and D. D. Snyder, were sung on the occasion.

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### WARSAW LIBRARY.

In pursuance of an act passed April 1, 1796, a meeting was held at the house of Oliver Lee on the 2d Tuesday of January, 1823, for the purpose of forming and erecting a public Library, and Elizur Webster was chosen Chairman of the meeting. It being required that more than twenty persons should signify their consent and desire, and should subscribe a sum of more than one hundred dollars for the object, the following are the names of the subscribers:

James Crocker, Chauncey L. Sheldon, Theophilus Capen, Benjamin L. Watkins, John Crocker, Howard Bosworth, Daniel Rockwell, Henry Woodward, John A. McElwain, Jonas Cutting, Aaron Rumsey, Lyman Morris, Josiah Hovey, Eli Dibble, Jr., Wm. G. Whitney, Hiram Giddings, Allen Fargo, Silas Kidder, Oliver Lee, Elisha W. Scovel, Solomon Morris, Jr., John Feagles, Augustus Frank, Cyrus Rice, Elijah Norton, E. C. Kimberly, John Wilder, Francis Newton, Samuel McWhorter, Mayhew Safford, Nehemiah Park, Jr., Elizur Webster, Samuel Barnard, John Truesdell, Francis Yates, Mathew Hoffman, Augustine U. Baldwin, Edward Putnam, John R. Knapp.

There were elected twelve Trustees to serve for one year, as follows:



*Palmer Fargo.*



Chauncey L. Sheldon, Solomon Morris, Jr., William Patterson, Benjamin L. Watkins, James Crocker, Samuel McWhorter, Lyman Morris, Elizur Webster, Theophilus Capen, Josiah Hovey, Aaron Runsey, Jonas Cutting.

The acts and proceedings of the meeting were duly certified by the Chairman, and sworn to before Samuel McWhorter, Esq., the next day, January 15, 1825, and were recorded in the County Clerk's office, the 5th day of February, 1823.

A respectable library of valuable standard books was purchased, and was kept up for several years, when for reasons to us unknown, the organization was abandoned, and the books distributed among the shareholders. Some of them are still to be seen in the private libraries of their descendants.



## EDUCATION—SCHOOLS.

THE first school in town was taught by Samuel McWhorter; in what year we are unable to ascertain—probably in the winter of 1807–8, though it may have been a year earlier or later. It was kept in the log shanty built by Amos Keeney in the spring of 1804 for a dwelling, elsewhere described. It was vacated by him in 1806, and had become the property of John McWhorter, father of Samuel, and stood near the present residence of Samuel Fisher in the south part of the village. Those who have read the description of this house on a preceding page, need not be told that, with all the “fitting up” which it may have undergone, it must have been poorly adapted to its new use; though it was probably little inferior to many of the houses built by the first settlers for this special purpose.

Inheriting the spirit of their Pilgrim ancestors, they desired to plant among them the school-house and the church at the earliest practicable period. They did not defer so important an object as the education of their children until they could build more comely and convenient houses; they were for a time content with such as corresponded to their rude dwellings.

The first school-houses were also built of logs, and with fire-places and chimneys like those of the log dwelling-houses. They were sometimes roofed or shingled with *shakes*, a material resembling staves for flour barrels. The writing-desks were made by boring large holes in the sides of the house, slanting downwards from the wall, and driving into them large pins, upon which the boards were fastened; so that the pupils, when writing, faced the wall. Seats were made of slabs, flat side up, resting on four legs.

Many of our citizens remember those houses in which they received their limited school education—the ill-chinked walls; the large open fire-place filled with a huge pile of logs in the

vain attempt to make a comfortable place of study. They remember that most common of all questions coming from the remote parts of the house: "Master, may I go to the fire?" and how often the "Master," annoyed by the continued reiteration of this question, would respond the emphatic "No!" Nor have they forgotten their peculiar feelings when, their whole bodies trembling with cold, they were compelled to keep their seats until relieved by the arrival of twelve or four o'clock, with the thrice welcome word, "Dismissed."

Not only were school-houses uncomfortable; the course of instruction and the qualifications of teachers were very defective. The entire course, in most of the schools, embraced only spelling, reading, writing, and common arithmetic. In this last branch, Daboll's Arithmetic was used; and the mathematical ambition of many pupils was satisfied when they could "cypher" to the end of the "Single Rule of Three," which in that popular work came before Fractions. Few teachers having a knowledge of grammar, this was not insisted on by the inspectors. Geography, now one of the studies in every primary school, could hardly be found in a country school. An atlas, indispensable to the successful study of this branch, the writer never saw in a school until after he had been for several years a teacher.

The manner of teaching and conducting a school is also worthy of note. Writing, in many schools, was not done at any fixed hour, nor by all at the same time. None but goose-quill pens were used. A metal pen would have been a great curiosity. We well remember our surprise some forty or fifty years ago, on being told that the president of a certain bank signed its bills with a *steel pen*. To make and mend the pens and "set copies" for ten, twenty, or thirty pupils, took no small portion of a teacher's time, and was often done during reading and other exercises, in which the worst mistakes escaped the observation of the teacher. To avoid this, some teachers did this work before or after school hours. The introduction of the metallic pen and the printed copy-book,

is justly regarded as an invaluable improvement, saving much time and labor, and furnishing the pupils with good and uniform copies.

Nor had the black-board been invented; or if it had, it was not known in the rural districts. Nor were scholars in arithmetic taught in classes. They got the attention and assistance of the teacher as they could. Voices were heard from different parts of the room, "Master, I can't do this sum;" or, "Master, please show me how to do this sum." These, with questions asking liberty to "go out," to "go and drink," etc., which, on the "floor" of some schools, were always "in order," the teacher going from one part of the room to another to "help" the scholars, or to do their work for them; and scholars running to the teacher to ask him how to pronounce the hard words in the spelling and reading lessons:—all these, and other things that might be mentioned, kept the school-room in a constant bustle. There were, however, some good teachers then; and there are many now who answer too nearly the foregoing description: yet a comparison of the schools of fifty years ago with those of the present time, shows on the whole a vast improvement.

The first school of a higher grade than the district school, and in which classical studies were taught, was commenced about the year 1825, by Rev. Anson Tuthill, who had for several years been a teacher in Middlebury Academy, and was continued about two years.

In 1829 or 1830, a select school was commenced by Rev. Julius Steele, minister of the Presbyterian church, and discontinued on his removal in the spring of 1831.

In 1835, Rev. Stephen Porter, of Geneva, established a school of the grade of an academy, and continued it about two years.

Select high schools were thereafter taught, successively, by Mr. Paddock, Charles J. Judd, Josiah Hurty, and others.

A number of select schools for young ladies and misses have been taught in this town. The first was about the year

1822, by Maria Clark, of Le Roy. Soon after, one by Lucinda Gregg, of Londonderry, N. H., afterwards the wife of Hon. William Patterson.

In 1844, a school for young ladies was established, and for two or three years continued, by Anna P. Sill, since the successful founder of the popular and famed Female Seminary at Rockford, Ill.

In 1847 or 1848, was established a Parochial School by the Presbyterian church, which was continued twelve or more years under different teachers.

Of primary select schools, there have been many. The names of teachers remembered are, Catharine W. Blanchard, who taught what was then called an "infant school," an institution then (about the year 1832,) quite popular. Miss Blanchard is now the wife of Hon. John Fisher, of Batavia. About the same time, Emeline Monroe, now the wife of Eli Rood, of Wethersfield, came as a teacher, and taught in this village both select and district schools, for seven years.

#### UNION SCHOOL.

The old district school-house in this place being no longer of sufficient capacity to accommodate all the children of the district, a larger house was built on Genesee street, nearly opposite the residence of J. A. McElwain. In the second story select schools were sometimes kept; and before the county buildings were completed, it was used for holding county courts. After it was no longer used as a school-house, it was sold to Isaac C. Bronson, and removed to the west side of Main street, and fitted up for stores. It was burned at the time of the great conflagration in February, 1867.

The increase of population for a few years after the establishment of the county seat in this village, seemed to require a public school of a higher grade, and a house of larger dimensions. It was proposed to consolidate the districts in and near the village, and to form a graded school, more commonly called "union school." As this plan involved a heavy

expenditure for a suitable building, the proposition was for a time successfully resisted. An affirmative vote, however, was at length obtained, and a large and commodious stone building was erected.

#### UNION FREE SCHOOL.

The Union School was a district school, and subject to the same laws and regulations as district schools in general. It had not been long in operation under its new name before the plan was conceived of ingrafting upon it an *academical* department, which, by compliance with the law regulating seminaries, should become entitled to share with them in the distribution of the Literature Fund. A petition signed by citizens of the district, accompanied by a bill drafted here, designed to carry into effect the object of the petitioners, was presented to the legislature. This bill, with some amendments, one of which made it of general application throughout the state, became a law.

In pursuance of the provisions of the law, the Trustees, on the written request of citizens of the district, gave notice calling a "meeting of the inhabitants of District No. 10 of the town of Warsaw, entitled to vote thereat, at the school-house, on the 13th instant, (Sept. 1853,) at 7 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of determining by a vote of such district, whether a Union Free School shall be established therein, in conformity with the provisions of the act passed June 18, 1853. The act provides for the organization of an academical department, and the question whether such department is to be established, will be determined by the said meeting." The notice was signed by J. A. Darling, J. A. McElwain, and A. Holly, Trustees.

A meeting, pursuant to the above notice, was held, of which Isaac C. Bronson was Chairman, and B. F. Fargo Secretary, and at which it was resolved, that a Union Free School, on the plan proposed, should be established; and John A. McElwain, Joshua H. Darling, Alanson Holly, Sanford L.



Boughton, Charles W. Belden, and Lloyd A. Hayward, were elected Trustees, who are called "Board of Education." Copies of the proceedings, duly certified by the Chairman and Secretary, were deposited in the offices of the town and county clerks, respectively, and a copy transmitted to the State Superintendent.

In October, 1853, the Board employed Prof. Richard K. Sanford, as Principal of the Union Free School, and his wife as an assistant teacher. Horace Briggs, who was principal of the Union School at the time of the change, was also continued as assistant teacher; but in consequence of ill health, resigned in February following. In the spring of 1854, Prof. Norman F. Wright, who had been for nine years principal of Genesee and Wyoming Seminary, at Alexander, was employed as Principal, and Prof. Simeon D. Lewis, a teacher in that institution, was engaged as an assistant. Prof. Wright was also intrusted with the general care and management of the primary schools connected with the Academy.

In August, 1857, Prof. Norman F. Wright was again employed as Principal; Kate Leland, a graduate of Thetford Academy, Vt., teacher of French, English, drawing and painting; and William P. Boughton, educated in Warsaw Academy, teacher of German, and the higher English branches.

In the spring of 1860, Prof. Joseph Gile, a graduate of Dartmouth College, N. H., became Principal; and Mary M. Gile, educated at Franklin Academy, N. H., and Holton High School, Mass., assistant. Mr. Gile taught till November, 1861.

In the fall of 1861, Prof. O. H. Stevens was employed as Principal, and Mary M. Gile was continued as assistant. Mr. S. taught two terms, ending with the academic year in July, 1862.

In August, 1862, Winslow Scofield, a graduate of Hamilton College, commenced as Principal, and Miss Gile continued as assistant. Mr. Scofield taught one year.

In August, 1863, Prof. Charles H. Dann, a graduate of Williams College, took charge of the school as Principal, and has been continued as such to the present time. Miss Gile also holds the place she took in 1860.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

As a part of the school history of the town of Warsaw, we give a list of the existing districts, with such facts relating to them as have come to our knowledge; the names of some of the early inhabitants, and of those residing therein who are voters at district meetings, or liable to taxation for school purposes. As, from time to time, the number of districts in the town has been increased or diminished, and their bounds have been altered, the number by which each district is at present designated, is not in every case that by which it has at all times been distinguished.

#### DISTRICT No. 1.

The first school within the limits of this district was taught in 1811 or 1812, in a log school-house built in the style of those times. The present district was formed in 1823. It is a joint district, a portion of it lying in Gainesville. The first school-house was a framed building, on Lot 9, in this town; and in less than a year after it was finished, it was fired by an incendiary, and destroyed. The next year another was built on the same site. In 1859, the site was removed one-fourth of a mile south, into Gainesville, and some of the families were annexed to District No. 2, adjoining it on the north. The school-house being now in Gainesville, it is designated as No. 14, in that town. The names of the inhabitants of this town belonging to the district are the following:

Andrew Beardsley,  
George Dixon,  
Mrs. Sarah Fowler,

George Brown,  
James Fluker,  
Job M. Relyea,  
Willard T. Warner.

John Cummings,  
William Fluker,  
Linus Warner,

## DISTRICT No. 2.

This district is in the south-east part of the town, and is sometimes designated as the "Fluker District." Its school-house is in the vicinity of the Free Will Baptist Church. [The names of its inhabitants, if they have been received, have been mislaid, and they can not be obtained in time for insertion.]

## DISTRICT No. 3.

In 1811, a log house was built at the forks of the road about a mile and a half east of the village. Some of the inhabitants then residing within the bounds of the present district, were Lot Marchant, Dea. Eliphalet Parker, and his sons, Giles, Eliphalet, Ira, Benjamin, John G., and Lyman, Gideon T. Jenkins, and others. The house was burned about ten years after it was built, and the present one erected near the place of the old one.

The following are the names of the present inhabitants of the district:

Charles Agar,	A. J. Armstrong,	M. R. Atkins,
David Botsford,	Samuel Brigham,	Michael Burke,
Otis F. Carpenter,	Charles Chase,	Allen D. Fargo,
Jeremiah Gardner,	Luther H. Hill,	Sylvanus Howes,
Edward McDonald,	Hugh McDonald,	Amos Otis, 2d,
Orrin Otis,	Leverett Parker,	Sydney Parker,
Valentine Parker,	William Parker,	Aurora S. Perkins,
Michael Smallwood,	Nelson Slocum,	Mrs. Watrous,
Loman Whitlock,	Nathan S. Woodward,	Samuel Woodward.

Districts Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11 were consolidated in the formation of the Union School. The village district, into which either parts or the whole of the other three were merged, was No. 10.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

This district, called sometimes the "Arnold District," though *fourth* in the eastern tier of districts, was, we believe, at the last general numbering of districts, called No. 5, by

which number it is probably still designated, though No. 4 has been discontinued. The names of the inhabitants at present composing this district, are the following:

Comfort Adams,	Ammi Andrews,	— Andrews,
Osmyn S. Arnold,	Welcome Arnold,	Stephen B. Barden,
Calvin Bryant,	Mrs. Bryant,	Edward Evans,
Hezekiah Fargo,	Samuel Fisher,	Samuel Mills Fisher,
— Flower,	John Hill,	J. Kane,
James W. Kinney,	George Parker,	Simeon Rice,
Thomas Scott,	— Shepard,	Jacob Smith,
John Walker,	— Wilkie,	Ammi Wiggins,
	George Wiggins.	

### DISTRICT No. 7.

The first school within the bounds of this district, (South Warsaw,) was kept in a log-house, on the east side of the road, nearly opposite the residence of Rufus Morris, in or about the year 1808. Two or three years after, a framed house was built further south, nearly opposite the site of the present tavern. This house was burned about a month after the school in it had commenced. Another was built on the opposite (west) side of the road. A few years after, this house also was burned, and the present house was erected. Among the male inhabitants who resided in this district when the first school was kept, were Amos Keeney, William Webster, Moses Stearns, Silas Wethy, Daniel Knapp, Solomon Morris, Sen., of whom only the two first named are living. The inhabitants constituting the district at present (1868,) are the following:

De Witt Akin,	Jeremy Allen,	Wm. W. Allen,
Elias Baker,	John Bennett,	Sylvanus Brady,
Elon W. Chase,	Elijah Chamberlain,	John F. Clark,
Emerson Conable,	Franklin Day,	John Everingham,
Francis Graves,	Edward Hayward,	Amos Keeney,
Eleazar Keeney,	John H. Keeney,	Harry Keeney, —
Hezekiah Lincoln,	Leonard L. Martin,	Luther Morris,
Luther S. Morris,	Rufus Morris,	Ambrose Mosher,
Samuel J. Munger,	Clarinda Park,	Philander Rogers,
Orson Standish,	Augustus F. Stearns,	Eugene B. Stearns,

George Stearns,  
Daniel H. Stark,  
Edwin Truesdell,  
Mills Webster,

Willard Stearns,  
Henry Sheldon,  
Elon G. Truesdell,  
William Webster,

Joseph Stewart,  
Helon S. Taber,  
Philander Truesdell,  
Almon Wilcox.

## DISTRICT No. 12.

The first school within the bounds of the present district was kept, it is said, in the winter of 1807-8, in a vacated log-house, on the east of Le Roy Road, about half a mile below the present school-house. After a few years, the school was kept near the line of the town of Middlebury. In 1817, the present house was built at the junction of the roads from Wyoming and Le Roy, on land leased by Josiah Jewett to the district, gratuitously, so long as the house shall be occupied as as a school-house.

Among the first settlers of this district were Josiah Jewett, Simeon Hovey, Josiah Hovey, Gurdon Hovey, Samuel Whitlock, Julius Whitlock.

The inhabitants of the district in 1868, are the following:

Charles Brown,  
Addison Brainerd,  
Anson H. Owen,  
Albert Warren,

Jay J. Baker,  
Henry Finch.  
Amos Otis,  
Russel Warren,  
Samuel Whitlock.

John Brown,  
S. Alden McCulloch.  
Elisha W. Scovel.  
Harry Whitlock,

## DISTRICT No. 13.

This district was formed and the school-house built in 1834. Its inhabitants were Levi Crandall, Palmer Fargo, Noah Fisk, George Howes, David Ingersoll, Samuel Ingersoll, Amasa Mynard, Charles Steele, George Steele, Nathan Warren, Richard Warren, Nicholas Reddish, and perhaps others.

The house remained until 1868, when a new one was built a little south of the old site.

The following are names of the inhabitants in 1868:

J. Bowen,  
James Cheon,  
Palmer Fargo,  
John Kough,  
Alonzo Pierce,  
Augustus Watrous,

Duane Chase,  
Schuyler Clarke,  
Palmer Fargo, Jun.,  
Alva Parker,  
Henry Ryan,  
Leonard Watrous.

John S. Chase,  
Henry Cornell,  
O. Emery,  
Daniel Peck,  
George Storts,



## DISTRICT No. 14.

This district is in the south-west part of the town, and embraces a few families residing in Gainesville. The year in which it was formed, we are unable to state. Its inhabitants chiefly live on the road which divides the two towns, Gainesville and Warsaw.

The names of the inhabitants residing in Warsaw are as follows:

James Foot,	John Hawley,	Alfred W. Hoyt.
Apollos Keeney,	Samuel Munger,	Henry W. Norton.
Joseph Pike,	William Pike,	Hiram Relyea,
John Relyea,	Edwin Tanner,	Joseph Taylor.

## DISTRICT No. 15.

This was among the earlier districts laid out in this town, and was for a long time, and is still, designated as the "Sharp District," one of the early settlers, — Sharp, and his son, Horace C., having resided near the corners where the school-house stands. As in most of the other districts, its first school-house was built of logs.

The names of the inhabitants in 1868 are the following:

Marcus Buck,	Cyrus Capen,	Matilda Cleveland.
Nicholas Cleveland,	Nicholas Cleveland, Jr.,	Uriah Cleveland.
William Cleveland,	Christopher Hale,	Philander Hale,
Harry Hatch,	Alonzo Hatch,	Henry Munger,
Jason Munger,	Mrs. Parnel Munger,	Porter B. Munger,
George Relyea,	Eliphalet O. Scovel,	Nathan S. Scovel,
Edwin Stearns,	Chauncey L. Stevens,	Nye Stevens,
Patrick Talty,	George Truesdell,	Hiram Truesdell,
John Truesdell,	Hiram F. Walker,	Jacob Whiteman,
	Samuel Wolcott.	

## DISTRICT No. 16.

The school-house in this district is nearly three miles south-west from the village. The first school was taught by Amy Martin, now Mrs. Clark, in the summer of 1816, in a log house previously occupied by Samuel Salisbury as a dwelling, about forty rods east of the present house. A year or two

after, a log school-house was built on or near the site of the present house, and was used until 1823 or 1824, when a framed house was built. This was burned a few years after, and the present one erected in its place.

Among the inhabitants residing in the neighborhood at and about the time of the organization of the district, were Samuel Salisbury, Warham Walker, William Shipman, Aaron C. Lyon, David Martin, Newton Hawes, Polly Day, widow of Col. Elkanah Day, and Elisha Barnes. Among the early teachers were Elisha W. Scovel, and Hiram Day.

Names of the inhabitants of the district in 1868:

Edmund Buck,	John Lary,	Henry Buck,
Rollin Buck,	Ormus Marshall,	Willard Buck,
David C. Martin,	Benj. B. Conable,	Jordan Mead,
Lorenzo Cook,	John P. Mead,	Broughton W. Crane,
George Pierce,	Byron Crane,	Jay Scribner,
Luther Foster,	Andrew J. Seeley,	Sydney Foster,
Hiram Stearns,	Jerome Hoisington,	John Truesdell, Jr.

#### DISTRICT No. 17.

The first school-house within the present bounds of this district was a log house; in what year built, we have not ascertained—probably about the year 1807. It stood at the four corners three-fourths of a mile east of the west line of the town, on the south-west corner, two and one-fourth miles west of the village. Among the early inhabitants were Peter W. Harris, Curtis Edgerton, Luther Parker, Dea. Ezra Walker, Dea. Abraham Reed, Hezekiah Wakefield, Isaac Phelps, Zera Tanner, Philip Salisbury, Aaron Bailey, Thomas C. Chase, Elder Jabez Boomer, and Jonathan Young.

The first framed school-house stood about mid-way between the site of the old one and that of the present house.

The names of the present inhabitants of the district, are as follows:

Herbert Andrews,	Benjamin Bishop,	James N. Barnett,
Henry Crist,	Robert Barnett,	Samuel Bassett,
George Crist,	Abraham Dick,	Dorson Bentley,
Samuel S. Eldridge,	Christopher Fisher,	Hiram Melvin,

John Fisher,	Milo Monroe,	Nicholas Fisher,
Silas Norton,	Patrick Fitz Gibbons,	Bradley S. Gallett,
Webster Norton,	Jacob Gath,	Myron Palmer,
Philip Gath,	Archibald Prentice,	Tillotson Gay,
Philip Smith,	Erastus Gill,	Stephen Vincent,
Henry S. Hatch,	Beman Wilcox,	Sarah Hagan,
Ira Wilcox,	John W. Hawley,	Albert Jones.

## DISTRICT No. 18.

This district is in the north-western part of the town, the school-house and most of its inhabitants being on the "Old Buffalo Road." Among the early settlers within the present bounds of the district, were Isaac Luce, William Shipman, Nathan Pierce, Roderick Chapin, William C. Hatch, and David Young. The following are the names of its inhabitants in 1868:

John Bannan,	Adam Klair,	William Bannan,
Moses Perkins,	Betsey Gay,	Samuel W. Perkins,
Orlando Gay,	Samuel W. Perkins, Jun.,	Lyman Hatch,
Allen Pierce,	Milton D. Hatch,	Peter Sailor,
Seth Ransom Hatch,	Collis Sammis,	Walter M. Hatch,
David Sammis,	Walter Hatch,	Thomas Tanner,
William T. Hatch.		

## PHYSICIANS.

The dates at which all the physicians named in the following list commenced and discontinued practice in this town, it is impossible to obtain. In cases in which the year is given without qualification or remark, it may be relied on as correct, or very nearly so. There are probably some, however, whose names we have not been able to ascertain.

- 1808, Chauncey L. Sheldon; continued in practice until his last illness. He died in 1828.
- 1817, Augustus Frank; practiced regularly a few years; after which only occasionally, being engaged extensively in other business.
- 1817, Daniel Rumsey; about two years; removed to Alexander; returned about the year 1823; practiced several years; removed to Silver Creek, and engaged in trade.
- 1822, Cyrus Rumsey, brother of Daniel; about six years; removed to Medina, Orleans Co.; thence to Ohio, and died.
- 1827, Peter Caner; practiced until his final sickness; died in 1854.
- , Thomas P. Baldwin came soon after Dr. Caner; practiced about two years; removed to Ogden; after which he practiced two short periods; left finally, and died.
- 1829, Seth S. Ransom; practiced about eight years; removed in 1837 to Burlington, Iowa.
- 1831, Ethan E. Bartlett; practiced three years, and removed to Georgia; returned to Orangeville in 1836; came to Warsaw again in 1848; practiced regularly a number of years, and more or less since.
- 1834, Jonathan Hurlburt, about two years.
- 1842, Lindorf Potter, about two years.
- 1842, N. D. Stebbins; one year or more, and removed to Detroit, where he remains.
- 1849, or 1850, Dr. House; practiced a year or more.

- 1850, John G. Meachem; practiced until 1862, and removed to Racine, Wis.
- 1850, or near that year, Charles W. Belden, having previously practiced in town, returned from Sheldon after several years' absence, and, in 1855, removed to Dubuque, Ia., where he resides.
- 1850, Charles A. Dake; practiced until 1867—seventeen years, excepting one or two temporary periods of absence.
- 1852, or '53, Dr. Blanchard; about six months.
- 1853, Dr. Day; a few months.
- 1854, Dr. Gardner; practiced about two years.
- 1854, Dr. Wells, with C. A. Dake a few months, and removed to Mt. Morris.
- 1854, Dr. West, in C. A. Dake's office; practiced one year.
- 1859, C. M. Dake came into the practice of his brother, and remained in town about six years.
- 1862, Milan Baker succeeded John G. Meachem, and continues in practice.
- 1862, E. W. Jenks was here one year.
- 1866, J. C. Pitts, and continues in practice.
- 1867, Dr. Phelan; continued one year.
- 1868, Dr. Miller & Son discontinued practice here this year, after a stay of several years.
- 1868, Dr. Maynard commenced this year, and continues practice here.
- 1869, Dr. Tibbets, after a practice here of several years, continues.







*H. S. Comstock.*

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## LAWYERS.

The following list is believed to contain the names of all the Attorneys who have ever practiced in this town. There may be one or two unimportant exceptions.

1817, Robert Moore came to Warsaw, and is believed to have been the first Lawyer in this town. He remained a short time and removed to Perry, where he resided until his death, a few years since.

1817, Mayhew Safford also came in this year from Vermont, and resided here until he died, in Jan., 1831. He ceased practicing many years before his death.

1817, or 1818, Warren Loomis, a brother-in-law of Mayhew Safford, came and joined him in practice. After a few years, Loomis returned to Vermont, where he died.

1818, or 1819, Theophilus Capen commenced the practice of law, and continued a year or two.

1821, or 1822, James Crocker commenced practice, and continued until 1833, when he removed to Buffalo, where he practiced until he died, in 1861.

1833, Ferdinand C. D. McKay took the place of Mr. Crocker, and continued until 1862, when he removed to Des Moines, Iowa, where he died, in 1866.

1834, or 1835, Thomas J. Sutherland came to this town; practiced a few months. He was afterwards a General in the Canadian Patriot war.

1841, James R. Doolittle and Linus W. Thayer commenced a partnership of four years. In 1851, Mr. Doolittle removed to Racine, Wis. Mr. Thayer is still in practice here.

1847, W. Riley Smith, from Attica, commenced practice here, being County Judge at the same time. After the expiration of his official term, he removed to Milwaukee, where he died.

- 1847, Wm. S. Crozier commenced practice, and continued a short time.
- 1848, Leonard W. Smith commenced practice, and continued until 1868. From 1860, to Jan., 1867, he was a partner of L. W. Thayer.
- 1850, Charles W. Bailey commenced practice. He remains in town.
- 1850, Harlow L. Comstock commenced practice here, and continued until 1868. The first year he was a partner of James R. Doolittle. He removed in 1868 to Canandaigua.
- 1853, Charles Henshaw commenced practice as a partner of L. W. Thayer, and continued until Oct., 1855, when he removed to Batavia, and became associated with Judge Taggart. He is now County Judge of Genesee county.
- 1853, Alonzo W. Wood commenced as partner of Judge H. L. Comstock, and continued as such a few years, and removed to Iowa.
- 1858, Henry C. Page commenced a partnership with L. W. Thayer, and, after a year or two, retired.
- 1857, Byron Healy, commenced as a partner of Judge Comstock, and continued as such until January, 1866. He was elected County Judge in Nov., 1867, which office he now holds.
- 1858, Elbert E. Farman commenced practice, and continues to the present time. The first two years he was a partner of F. C. D. McKay, and from 1861 to 1865, of B. N. Pierce. After an absence of two years in Europe, he resumed practice, and was appointed District Attorney in the place of Byron Healy, elected Judge. He was elected to the same office in 1868.
- 1860, Myron E. Bartlett commenced practice, and continues.
- 1863, I. Sam Johnson, commenced with M. E. Bartlett. Removed to Arcade.
- 1865, Beriah N. Pierce, with M. E. Bartlett till 1868. Removed out of town.

## BANKS.

For many years after the first settlement of the town, there was little occasion to do business with banks. When such business became necessary, it was done chiefly at Canandaigua, nearly fifty miles distant from Warsaw. The merchants purchased goods at Albany and New York twice a year. They bought on credit, and sold on credit, few of them being able to buy for cash. Their practice was to pay, as nearly as possible, when going to make their purchases, for the goods last bought. Hence a general collection from their customers became necessary every spring and fall. These collections commenced several weeks before "going to New York." Failing, as they often did, to raise the necessary funds, they were obliged to apply for bank loans, which application, however, was many times unsuccessful.

The establishment of banks at Geneseo and Batavia was a great convenience to our business men, especially the Bank of Genesee at Batavia, with which most of the business was done. Stages running directly through to that place daily or tri-weekly, the driver was the agent through whom the business was generally transacted. The increase of our population and consequently of business, suggested the establishment of a bank in this place; and about the year 1838, a bank, to be called the "Bank of Warsaw," was partly organized, but never went into operation.

## WYOMING COUNTY BANK.

In December, 1851, Joshua H. Darling, of this village, established, under the general banking law of this state, an individual bank, called "Wyoming County Bank," with a capital of \$50,000. This bank supplied a want long felt in this community, and was managed in a manner satisfactory to the merchants and business men generally. Mr. Darling was its President during the entire period of its existence.



which terminated in 1865. Its Cashiers during this period were E. Maynard, Charles Mosher, H. A. Metcalf, J. Harrison Darling, and Henry B. Jenks. The building used for a Banking House was built of wood on the ground now occupied by the new bank. It was burned at the time of the great fire in 1867.

In 1865, the present National Banking system was established by act of Congress, which virtually abolished the state banks, and compelled those who desired to continue the banking business to organize new banks in conformity to the provisions of the national banking law. Accordingly, the

#### WYOMING COUNTY NATIONAL BANK OF WARSAW

was organized in 1865, with a capital of \$100,000. Joshua H. Darling, Augustus Frank, Henry B. Jenks, Lloyd A. Hayward, and Artemas Blake, have been its Directors from the time of its organization; and during the same time Joshua H. Darling has been President, and Henry B. Jenks Cashier. The new Bank building on the site of the old one, is one of the best of its kind.

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#### NEWSPAPERS.

THE first newspaper within the territory comprised in the county of Wyoming, was established in Warsaw in 1828, by Levi and Warham Walker. It was for three months neutral in politics. The Anti-Masonic excitement having become intensified by the facts elicited on the trials of Masons concerned in the abduction of William Morgan, the publishers turned the influence of their paper against Masonry. This caused the withdrawal of patronage to such extent as to compel them, a few weeks after, to relinquish the publication of the paper.

In May, 1830, Andrew W. Young commenced the Warsaw Sentinel. The masses of the settlers being still deeply

in debt for their lands, and comparatively poor, extra efforts were necessary to give it circulation. Carriers were employed on several different routes, one of which extended west to Aurora. The experiment proved that the establishment of a paper in this place was premature; and the Sentinel was discontinued at the close of 1831, and on the first of January, 1832, merged in the Republican Advocate, of Batavia.

In the spring of 1836, the American Citizen was established here under the auspices of the Genesee County Antislavery Society, as the organ of that Society, and as an advocate of the general abolition of slavery. A. W. Young was chosen as its editor, and conducted it during the first three months. Jonathan A. Hadley was employed as publisher, and continued as such to the end of the first year. It was then removed to Perry, chiefly for the convenience of its editor, the late Josiah Andrews, who, though he resided in Perry, had been its principal editor during the last nine months of its publication in Warsaw. Its publishers in Perry were for a time Mitchell & Warren. Mr. Mitchell continued its publisher until January, 1841, when it was removed to Rochester.

The Western New Yorker was removed to Warsaw from Perry, in 1841. It had been commenced by John H. Bailey in January of that year. In the ensuing summer it passed into the hands of Barlow & Woodward. The county of Wyoming having just been formed, and the county seat located at Warsaw, this was deemed the more suitable place for a county paper; and it was accordingly removed by its publishers, Barlow & Woodward. After its removal to Warsaw, it was published by Barlow & Woodward, Barlow & Blanchard, and S. S. Blanchard, and after his death by H. A. Dudley. During the lingering illness of Mr. Blanchard, and for some time after it came into the hands of Mr. Dudley, (from January 1, 1849, to September, 1850,) the paper was edited by Charles W. Bailey, Esq. Mr. Dudley published it

from September, 1850, to April, 1858, when it passed to Elijah W. Andrews. After this it was published successively by Andrews & Harrington, Harrington & Farman, Morse & Merrill, and then by William H. Merrill, until its union with the Wyoming County Mirror in October, 1864, under the present firm of Dudley & Merrill.

The Wyoming Republican was commenced in Warsaw in 1844, by Edwin L. Fuller, and continued until March, 1847.

In March, 1848, Alanson Holly commenced the Wyoming County Mirror, as proprietor, publisher, and editor, and continued its publication until the summer or fall of 1849, when Harwood A. Dudley, his foreman in the printing from its commencement, became a partner in the concern. The partnership of Holly & Dudley continued until September, 1850, when, after the death of Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Dudley purchased the Western New Yorker, and Mr. Holly became again sole proprietor of the Mirror. In May, 1855, Mr. Holly sold out to E. L. Babbitt and R. S. Lewis. In March, 1857, Mr. Babbitt retired, and Mr. Lewis became sole proprietor. In March, 1855, W. H. Merrill became a partner with Lewis. January 1, 1859, H. A. Dudley again purchased the Mirror, and published it until October, 1864, when it was united with the Western New Yorker, then published by W. H. Merrill. The New Yorker continues to be published by Dudley & Merrill.

The Wyoming Democrat was established in Warsaw, by John Ransom, its present publisher, in March, 1863.

Masonic Tidings was commenced, also by John Ransom, in October, 1865. It is published semi-monthly, on the 1st and 15th days of each month.

## WYOMING COUNTY.

THE question of dividing the county of Genesee, and the formation of a new county of which Warsaw should be the county seat, was agitated at an early day. Application was made to the legislature for this object before the formation of Orleans from Genesee. The first application contemplated the taking of a few towns from Allegany county, in order to give the county sufficient population.

Prior to 1840, the project had slumbered for many years. The legislature of that year authorized the raising of money to build a new court-house and jail in the county of Genesee. Commissioners were appointed to fix the site; and Batavia was again selected.

A mass meeting of citizens of the southern towns was held in Orangeville to express their disapproval of the act of the Commissioners. Resolutions were passed in favor of removing the county seat to a more central part of the county, or of dividing the county.

In accordance with this proposition, a bill was introduced in the legislature of 1841, for the division of Genesee county, with a provision requiring that the question of the removal of the county seat be submitted to the vote of the people of the county; and if the question should be decided affirmatively, the division was not to be made. Fearing the result of the submission, the member representing the interests of the Batavians, preferring a division to a change of location of the county buildings, moved to strike out the provision for submission. The motion prevailed; the bill passed the house with few dissenting votes, and in this shape became a law.

The law named as Commissioners to fix the site for the county buildings, Peter B. Reed, of Onondaga, John Thompson, of Steuben, and Davis Hurd, of Niagara. The Commissioners visited every town in the county, and after due

deliberation, the village of Warsaw was agreed on as the place for the county buildings.

The building commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors, were John A. McElwain, of Warsaw, Paul Richards, of Orangeville, and Jonathan Perry, of Middlebury. The ground, except the small lot on which the jail was built, was a donation from Hon. Trumbull Cary, of Batavia. The jail was built in 1841; the court-house in 1842—all, including the clerk's office, for the sum of \$10,000. The contract for the erection of the court-house and clerk's office, was let to Josiah Hovey. They were built under the superintendence of his son-in-law, P. Pixley.

The special election for choosing county officers was held in June, 1841. The first county court was held at East Orangeville. Courts were thereafter held, until the court-house was completed, in the second story of the school-house, on the south side of Genesee street, nearly opposite the residence of J. A. McElwain, afterwards bought by Isaac C. Bronson, and removed to Main street, and fitted up for stores or shops, where it was destroyed by the fire of 1867.

The propriety of a division of the County of Genesee, could scarcely be seriously questioned. Nor could a county well be in a better condition for a division. Its breadth, east and west, was about twenty six miles; its length, not including China, thirty-six miles, forming almost a perfect oblong; which, centrally divided east and west, would make the two counties almost exactly the same in shape and size, exclusive of China in the western tier of towns, which extended its whole breadth of six miles further south than the south towns of the other three tiers or ranges. The present length of Genesee is about twenty-six miles, east and west, and its breadth eighteen miles; and so nearly central are the county buildings, that the geographical center of the county would probably be found, by exact measurement, to be within the limits of the village of Batavia.







*Dr. C. Ferris.*

*Sketch, n. 260.*

By the division, the town of Covington was divided; the southern portion retaining its former name. The northern part, which fell to Genesee, was named Pavilion; but being of diminutive size, a portion of Le Roy was annexed. The two counties were also nearly equal in population.

In 1846, the towns of Eagle, Pike, and the part of Portage lying west of Genesee river, and now called Genesee Falls, were taken from Allegany county and annexed to Wyoming, which now contains sixteen towns, in four ranges or tiers of four towns each. The town of Genesee Falls containing less than half of the town of Portage before its division, a tier of lots from Pike was added to its territory.

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## AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE Wyoming County Agricultural Society was formed soon after the organization of the county. Although a county institution, its relation to this town in particular seems to demand notice in a "History of Warsaw." The society was organized in this town; and in it the annual Fairs have been held, with a single exception, for a quarter of a century.

In October, 1843, pursuant to previous notice, a meeting of the Farmers and Mechanics of the county was held at the Court House for the purpose of forming a County Agricultural Society. Calvin P. Bailey, of Perry, was chosen Chairman, and James L. Sanford, of Castile, Secretary. A committee of six was appointed to report a constitution; and a committee of one from each town to report officers of the society. The following officers were elected:

*President*—JAMES C. FERRIS, of Middlebury.

*Vice President*—DR. AUGUSTUS FRANK, for Warsaw, and one for every other town.

*Secretary*—LINUS W. THAYER, of Warsaw.

*Treasurer*—JOHN A. McELWAIN, of Warsaw.

There was also chosen one Manager for each town—Newbury Bronson, for Warsaw; and a Town Committee of three for each town—Isaac C. Bronson, George W. Morriss, and Elijah Norton, for Warsaw.

The first Fair was held at Warsaw, September 30th and October 1st, 1844. A large number of persons became members during the year, some for life, and others yearly members. The display of stock and other farm products, and of mechanical and household productions generally, at each successive Fair, was highly creditable to the county.

It was believed by many, that the objects of the Society would be best promoted by fixing a permanent place for the holding of the annual Fairs, and by procuring suitable grounds for the purpose; and at a meeting of the Society held in the Court House, September 27, 1855, to “propose a plan for purchasing and fitting up grounds for the Society,” the President, Hugh T. Brooks, of Covington, appointed a committee of eight to “make inquiry as to the cost of leasing or purchasing grounds, and to report at the next meeting in February.” The committee consisted of John A. McElwain, Frank Miller, James C. Ferris, Uriah Johnson, Samuel Fisher, 2d, Newbury Bronson, William Bristol, Jr., and E. C. Skiff.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee at the Court House, February 20, 1856, the committee appointed at the previous meeting having in charge the selection of the Fair Ground, reported in favor of purchasing a lot in the south part of the village of Warsaw of David McWethy. To enable the Society to purchase and hold real estate, it was necessary that the Society should be reorganized; and a committee, consisting of O. V. Whitecomb, Edwin L. Babbitt, and Truman Lewis, was appointed to draft a certificate to complete the new organization. A report was made and adopted, and the certificate was signed by thirty gentlemen present from all parts of the county.

The Society at this meeting elected, as officers for the ensuing year, the following :

*President*—HUGH T. BROOKS, of Covington.

*Recording Secretary*—H. A. DUDLEY.

*Corresponding Secretary*—JOHN L. CLARK.

*Treasurer*—JOHN A. McELWAIN.

Nine Directors of the Society were also chosen.

On motion of O. V. Whitcomb, of Pike, seconded by Alfred S. Patterson, of Perry, it was

“*Resolved*, That Warsaw be designated as the place for permanently holding the Fairs of this Society.”

At a meeting held March 26, 1856, to take final action in relation to purchasing grounds, a proposition from Samuel Fisher, 2d, to sell ten or fifteen acres of land lying near the corner of Brooklyn and Liberty streets, in the village of Warsaw, was submitted for consideration. After due deliberation the proposition was accepted. The land was purchased, and the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, were authorized to sign the necessary papers in behalf of the Society.



## OLD FOLKS' FESTIVALS.

## MEETING AT DR. FRANK'S.

THE first of these Pioneer festivals was held in February, 1850, at the house of Augustus Frank, who had previously issued invitations to all persons, male and female, residing within the limits of the corporation, and not under fifty years of age. The number of guests who attended this entertainment was fifty-five, of whom twenty-four were males, and thirty-four were females. After some hours of refreshing and exhilarating social intercourse, upon invitation they paid their compliments to the Doctor at his well provisioned table. The Rev. A. T. Young invoked the Divine blessing, and the company satisfied themselves with the rich provisions before them.

After the repast, the company, (remaining at the table,) were addressed, successively, by the worthy host, the Rev. Mr. Young, and Messrs. Jonas Cutting, Silas C. Fargo, Lyman Morris, Julius Whitlock, Dea. John Munger, and Samuel Whitlock. Some interesting facts and reminiscences were given concerning the early settlement and growth of the town. Mr. Morris came to this town in 1803; Cutting, Fargo, and others, the year following. There was then but one acre of ground cleared within the limits of the township. The route from here to Geneseo, for wagons, was by the way of Le Roy, and was accounted a three days' journey. Mr. Fargo, with his father, was the first to pass on the old Buffalo road, (now so called,) with a wagon. A number of others entertained the company with similar remarks on pioneer life.

Dismissed from the table, the company amused themselves and each other as they listed, until the strains of some "good old fashioned music" arrested the attention of all; and all who could ever sing, joined their voices as if by a common impulse. The harmony of feeling was not less conspicuous

than the harmony of voices. In this state of feeling, after an appropriate prayer by Rev. Mr. Young, the company separated. The oldest male guest was Mr. Archibald Davidson, a native of Scotland, who entertained the company with a characteristic song. The oldest female was 82 years. The average age of the company was about 64 years; not one of them was a native of Warsaw.

A guest writing to the *Mirror*, said: "Expressions of gratitude to the kind host were numerous, frequent, heart-felt, and well deserved; of which his excellent lady, who was so unassumingly conspicuous in her efforts (efforts which never fail) to make her guests happy, received her full share. The Doctor expressed to the company his sense of the honor they had conferred on him in accepting his invitation; and thus it appeared that all were highly satisfied with the entertainment. The occasion was a serious 'caution' to all abortive attempts to ape the fashionable follies of the day—they can never afford *such* pure and elevating enjoyment."

The thought would naturally be suggested to those present, that, among so large a number of persons so far advanced in age, deaths would soon occur. It is worthy of notice, that the first death was that of a member of the Doctor's household, Mrs. G. P. Barnett, a sister of Mrs. Frank, who died in November of the same year. The second was that of Dr. Frank himself, one of the youngest present. He died in January, 1851, aged 59 years.

#### MEETING IN 1860.

This festive gathering took place in the yards of Messrs. Frank and Edwin B. Miller, in pursuance of the invitations publicly issued. At 2 o'clock the meeting was called to order by George W. Morris, Esq., and was organized by the choice of officers as follows:

*President*—HON. JOHN A. McELWAIN.

*Vice Presidents*—Amos Keeney, Nicholas Cleveland, Joel Pratt, Valentine Parker, Elam Perkins, William Webster,

Willard T. Warner, Cyrus Tanner, Samuel Salisbury, James Richards, Lorin Seeley, Daniel H. Throop, John F. Clark, George Snyder, Chester Hurd, William Robinson, Willard Stearns, William Smallwood, Elisha W. Scovel, Nye Stevens, Henry Woodward, Julius Whitlock, William Walker, John Munger, Peter Patterson, Amos Chapman, Elijah Norton, George W. Morris, Isaac Matthews, Rufus Morris, William T. Hatch, Palmer Fargo, William Fluker, Cyrus Capen, Broughton W. Crane, Samuel Bedow, Welcom Arnold, Elisha Barnes, Ira Wilcox, Robert Barnett, Frank Miller, Joshua H. Darling, William Bingham, Robert R. Munger.

*Secretaries*—EDWIN B. MILLER, SETH M. GATES.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Nassau.

The meeting was then entertained for a short time with vocal music by the united choirs of the several churches in the village, accompanied by the voices of the multitude, and alternated with instrumental music by the O-at-ka Band of Warsaw.

S. M. Gates was then called upon by the President, and addressed the meeting, and related some interesting incidents of early life on the Purchase.

The President announced a recess of one hour for partaking the refreshments prepared by the ladies.

After recess, the President again called the assemblage to order around the platform.

Deacon Samuel Salisbury (aged 73) was called upon, and addressed the meeting. He said he was one of the pioneers in the settlement of this town. He thought he had cleared more land with his own hands than any other man now living in town. He was once passing through some woods with two men, being a little in advance of them, when they alarmed him by the cry of "Bear! Bear!" He soon discovered the bear in a tree, making its way down. Having a brush-hook in his hand, he ran towards the tree, intending to be ready for the bear when it reached the ground. But the bear, perceiving his object, let go its hold, and fell to the ground. They





*Julius Whistlock.*  
*Sketch, p. 352.*



then had a race, (Mr. S., brush-hook in hand, being the *pursuer*,) which terminated in the escape of the bear, and *also* of the speaker. Mr. S. related other amusing incidents of pioneer life, and some of hardship and peril, and closed with acknowledgments of the protecting care of Divine Providence.

William Webster (aged 73) next addressed the meeting. He said he came to Warsaw in 1803, with his brother Elizur Webster. In that year he and his brother cut a road into this town. In 1808, he entered upon the farm he now occupies, and has made it what it is. He was not the oldest man, but he believed he was the oldest *settler* of the town now living. He had never been troubled, as some young men of the present day seem to be, to find enough to do. He had worn himself out, and would soon be gone.

Mr. Elam Perkins (aged 77) said he wanted to bring forward a different subject, although he had been interested in what had been said. His subject was religion, personal religion. He related his conversion in 1797, and his Christian experience; and closed with an exhortation to all to come to Jesus.

Mr. Julius Whitlock was called for. He came to Warsaw in 1810, and took up his farm. War came on soon after. Buffalo was burnt, and the alarm spread. Word came here that the Indians were coming down upon us. He was then a young man, but had some people living in the house with him who were much frightened. At one time he drove his cattle into a swamp where he thought the Indians could not find them; moved his pork barrel into the woods; and all hands left the house, he carrying a child, and remained in the woods all night. After that he belonged to a company of Cavalry which was sent to Canada. The company fell into an ambush and were fired upon by the Indians. His horse was wounded, and the company fled, leaving him behind. William Bristol came back and rescued him. Mr. Bristol was a friend indeed.

Mr. Chester Hurd (aged 68) said he came into this town in 1811. He had not been accustomed to hunting nor farming; he had followed the carpenter and joiner business—had built eight churches; and thought if building churches tended to make people better, he had done some good in Warsaw. He had built many good houses, but had himself always lived in poor ones. He well remembered the Indian alarms. News came at one time that the Indians would be here next day. Some of the women armed themselves with bush scythes, pitchforks, &c. He was framing a building when Judge Webster came along and advised him to take the timbers and build a fort, saying the Indians were coming, and we should want it. He left his work, went through the woods home, and found folks abandoning their houses and taking shelter in the woods.

Mr. Henry Hovey, the oldest male inhabitant born in the town, was called out. He said he had never made a public speech, but was pleased to address the meeting, and gave a few statistics. His father came to this town in 1804, and in 1805 took in a boarder. I appear before you as that boarder. When about fifteen years old, he took a load of wheat to Rochester, and sold it for three shillings and six pence per bushel. He stopped at a hotel where he paid as much for a meal of victuals. He lodged with other teamsters who were there selling wheat. One of them said, if he had to give a bushel of wheat for his supper, he would try to get his money's worth. That night he did not rest well; he was out of bed on the floor, when some one inquired, "What's the matter?" He replied, "My bushel of wheat lies heavy on my stomach."

Mr. Hiram Porter (aged 63) said he was not an old settler, but his recollection extended back about fifty years. He contrasted the past with the present, and said the rising generation should understand it. He alluded to the table spread before them in contrast with the coarse and scanty fare of former times. He pointed to the comfortable and elegant carriages standing without, and said he remembered when a

certain young man was thought to be rather aristocratic because he had got a lumber one-horse wagon, painted all over, and inside with shining red lead, and had got a seat in it with a high back. He had occasion also to remember the Indian alarm, for a ball which he was attending was broken up by it.

Mr. Wm. Smallwood said he had been in town thirty-six years. He could not testify to the Indian alarms, &c., but could testify to very great improvements since he first came here. There had been great moral improvement, especially in the matter of temperance. He used to draw wood down the hill, and often met ten or a dozen jugs going up hill; but now he saw no jugs. He was much gratified with what he had seen and heard this day.

The united choirs then sang

“When shall we meet again?”

Mr. Job Sherman, of Middlebury, said this was the first time he was ever called upon to speak in public. He came into this country at the close of the war. The country prosperous—wheat \$2 per bushel, pork \$30 per barrel. But afterwards he drew wheat to Rochester, and sold it for two shillings and six pence per bushel, and took trade at that. In order to get money, he had to haul his wheat to Albany all the way by team, and sell it there for nine shillings per bushel. He thought the present generation knew little of the hardships of those days, or of the feeling of brotherhood—the disposition to help one another—which then prevailed. He drew a contrast in these respects rather favorable to the generation which is passing away.

Mr. Newbury Bronson, after some interesting remarks, spoke of the peculiarities and the cheering and healthful tendencies of this social gathering, and tendered his thanks to Messrs. F. & E. B. Miller for planning the design, and for so generously opening and preparing their beautiful yards for the entertainment.

At the conclusion of this address, on motion of Hon. S. M. Gates, it was unanimously

“*Resolved*, That the virtual resolution of thanks to the Messrs. Miller, contained in the closing part of Mr. Bronson’s speech, be adopted as the sentiment of this meeting.”

Mr. E. B. Miller responded. He desired to return his thanks for so much of the compliment in this resolution as might be justly due to himself. To a great number of others, and especially the ladies, without whose aid in planning, arranging and executing, nothing of this kind could be so successfully carried out, the larger portion of this compliment was due. And as to the idea of an entertainment of this kind, he desired again to render honor to whom honor is due. The first and only one of this nature was given by Dr. Augustus Frank, (now deceased,) at his house in 1850; and closed his remarks by reading an account of that gathering as published in the *Mirror* at the time.

Mr. Frank Miller followed. He fully indorsed the sentiments uttered by his brother, awarding to the committee and to the ladies and gentlemen who had contributed so much to this entertainment, the full measure of the compliment to which they were so justly entitled. Although he had never offered a toast in his life, he would, if this were a fitting occasion, be strongly tempted to toast the ladies. [Voices, “A toast—a toast—let us have a toast.”] Well, then, he would offer—

“The Ladies of Warsaw—Ever ready, with warm hearts and liberal hands, to contribute to the comfort of others—not by words only, but by deeds.”

On the utterance of this toast, the President called for three cheers for Frank Miller; and the call was heartily responded to.

Hon. S. M. Gates then presented, in a short and appropriate speech, some resolutions with reference to the forming of a County Historical Society. The President remarked that the Committee to be appointed under these resolutions would be duly announced in the newspapers.

General McElwain responded to a call for a speech from the President. He said he was not one of the earliest settlers of Warsaw. He came from Massachusetts, when a youth; he was without protection or restraint, and was exposed to bad influences; but he early formed three resolutions which had never been broken, and probably never would be. They were, 1st, that he would never use tobacco; 2d, that he would not keep rowdy company; 3d, that he would not play cards for money. He contrasted the manners and social amusements of fifty years ago with those of the present day by several amusing illustrations. One of them was the following:

On a Fourth of July, some of the young men of Warsaw attended a celebration at Gainesville, there being none at home. Horse teams being rather scarce, they engaged a team of two yoke of oxen and an ox-cart. They decorated the cart with evergreens, and covered it with a roof of boughs. At Gainesville the driver stopped in front of the tavern, backed up to the door, and, loosening the fore end of the cart body, "dumped" the jolly load into the tavern. They had a first rate "backwoods" celebration; and *some* of the party returned the same night.

After the singing of a Hymn by the united choirs, Mr. Eli Merrill was called for. He said he came to this county thirty-five years ago, and engaged in teaching school. He was glad to see some of his scholars here to-day. He had listened attentively to the stories of the hardships and perils of the early settlers; but a fact mentioned by one of the speakers had particularly aroused his sympathies. It had been said that some of the early settlers were obliged to send several miles to Sheldon to get their bread baked. The thought which awakened his tender sympathies was, that he could not have been there to furnish them with stoves, (Mr. M's present business being that of a stove peddler.) Concerning the Indian alarms he had but one incident to relate: Thirty-five years ago he attended an exhibition at Middlebury Academy. A



student gave a poetical description of the effects of the fright, one verse of which he remembered, and would repeat:

“ And, by the help of Providence divine,  
Soon they reached the Warsaw line;  
And, to *assure* themselves they were not *dead*,  
Clapp’d up their hand and felt their head.”

The exercises were then formally closed, and the whole company rose and united their voices in singing to the tune of Old Hundred, the Doxology,

“ Praise God from whom all blessings flow.”

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Buck.

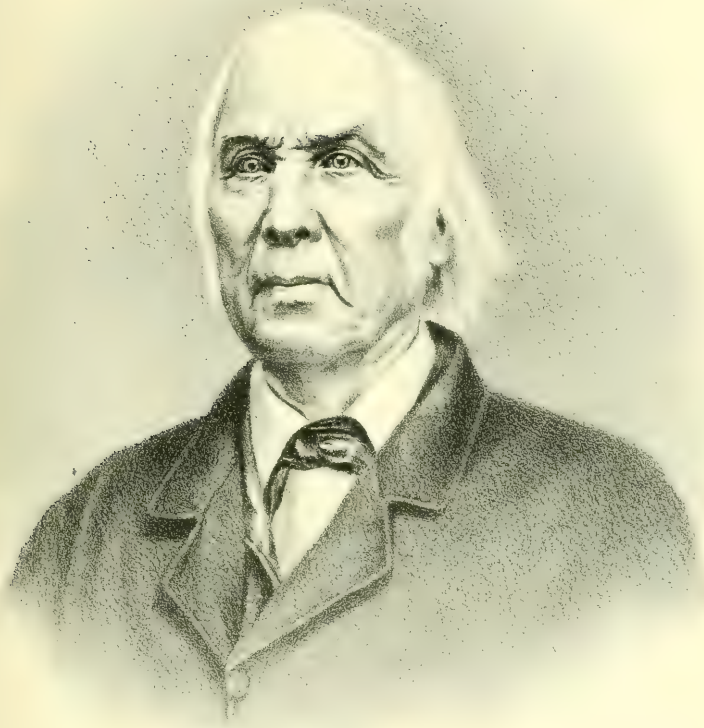
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After the formal closing of the meeting, a large portion of the company remained upon the ground more than an hour, and listened to speeches from George W. Morris, Esq., Mr. Peter Young, and Rev. Mr. Buck.

Mr. Morris said experience was our best school-master, as many here could testify, and had testified. This occasion was to him one of great rejoicing—he liked the peculiar features of it. He came here in 1804—had watched the progress of things from that time to this, and could testify to the great contrast. He said we ought to be grateful to Divine Providence for our present privileges, and see to it that we rightly improve them.

Mr. Young said he was not used to speech making—related some instances of hardship endured by the early settlers, and gave some interesting items of the religious history of the town.

Rev. Mr. Buck made a humorous speech. Although he was not yet fifty years old, he was here by special invitation. He did not know but he would have a right here independently of the invitation, by virtue of the probability that some of these old settlers were ferried across Genesee river on their way hither by his father; and he would take occasion to say, that if any of them had forgotten to pay the ferriage, he had



*William Smallwood.*

*Engr. & Col.*



the books, and would be ready to settle with them at any time. He entertained the company in a similar strain, at considerable length, pronouncing the highest encomiums upon Warsaw and its inhabitants with only one drawback, which was the scarcity of marriages and marriage fees.

Thus were finally closed the exercises of the day—a day long to be remembered by all who were present. The company of invited guests indicated their high gratification with the entertainment; and the *entertainers* doubtless felt themselves fully compensated in the satisfaction which attends every successful endeavor to promote the happiness of others.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS,

## ON EXTRAORDINARY OCCASIONS.

SEVERAL events of unusual interest have called forth public expressions of the feelings and sentiments of our citizens. Prominent among the occasions of these popular demonstrations, were the deaths of Presidents Taylor and Lincoln.

## DEATH OF PRESIDENT TAYLOR.

Zachary Taylor, President of the United States, died July 9, 1850, a year and four months after his inauguration. What added interest to this sad event, was the fact, that it was the second death of a President at an early period in his administration, and but nine years after the death of President Harrison, which occurred April 4, 1841, just one month after he was inaugurated. At an early day after the news was received, a large number of the people of Warsaw, without distinction of party, assembled at the Court House, to render due honors to the deceased Chief Magistrate of the nation.

At about one o'clock, a procession was formed on Main street, under the direction of the Marshal, Linus W. Thayer, Esq., and marched to the Court House to the sound of martial music; minute guns firing and bells tolling during the time. After some appropriate remarks by the Chairman, Isaac C. Bronson, and prayer by Rev. K. D. Nettleton, an Address was delivered by James R. Doolittle, Esq., then a resident of Warsaw, at present United States Senator from Wisconsin. Did our limits permit, we should give some extracts of this interesting address. A Doxology by the Choir, and the benediction by Rev. James P. Fisher, closed the services at the Court House. The procession then formed again and returned, minute guns firing and bells tolling as before.



## DEATH OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

An event more appalling, or of more pervading interest, is not recorded in our country's history, than the assassination of President Lincoln. A sketch of the action of our citizens in relation to this extraordinary occurrence, seems to deserve a place in the history of our town, and will be read with interest by our descendants. Our sketch is drawn chiefly from the proceedings published in the newspapers.

The crime was perpetrated on the evening of Friday, the 14th of April, 1864; and the news reached Warsaw the next morning. In the language of the Western New Yorker, of Thursday following: "The terrible tidings, which turned the nation's joy into mourning, fell like a pall upon our quiet village. To carry heavy, anxious hearts into the dull routine of daily business, seemed impossible."

Moved by a common impulse, a large number of citizens assembled, organized, and appointed a committee, consisting of H. L. Comstock, Rev. J. E. Bills, Leonard W. Smith, Gideon H. Jenkins, Wm. D. Miner, and Wm. H. Merrill, to report a plan for the proper observance of this saddest day of all the year. The committee reported the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

*"Resolved,* That in view of the terrible and heart-rending calamity which has befallen us as a nation, in the assassination of President Lincoln—a calamity so stupendous, so sudden, and so overwhelming, that no words can express its extent, or give utterance to the profound grief it occasions; we recommend to the citizens of Warsaw the immediate closing of all business places, and the suspension of all ordinary occupations; that the bells of the town be tolled, and that the citizens assemble at the Methodist church, at two o'clock P. M., to mingle their expressions of grief at the irreparable loss which the nation has sustained in this hour of the final triumph of our arms on the battle-field."

By ten o'clock the stores and business places were closed. The muffled bells were tolled; stores and dwellings were draped in mourning; the old Flag hung at half-mast; and dwellings displayed flags fringed with black. At two o'clock, in pursuance of the recommendation of the morning meeting, the citizens assembled at the Methodist church, which was soon filled. It was heavily draped with black. Rev. J. E. Bills stated the object of the meeting; and on his motion, Hon. Augustus Frank was called to the Chair; and on motion of Alanson Holly, Wm. H. Merrill was chosen secretary.

Mr. Frank, on taking the chair, spoke of the personal character of the deceased President—of his sublime faith, steadfast purpose, pure integrity, and the universal gloom occasioned by his sudden death. Speaking with the warmth of a personal friend and acquaintance, and as one who had enjoyed unusual facilities for knowing the great work performed by the President, as well as his spotless character as a man and a statesman, Mr. Frank's remarks were full of sad interest. After an impressive prayer by Rev. Mr. Williams, and the reading of scripture appropriate to the occasion, the large choir, under the direction of Mr. Snyder, sang a hymn.

Rev. Mr. Nassau then briefly addressed the meeting. He spoke of the solemnity of this "place of weeping," and of the occasion as one where words can not do the office of grief. He presented what he thought were the lessons taught by the sad and shocking event—the frailty of human life—the impressiveness of this new lesson that "God only is great," and that no arm of flesh could save us—and of this dispensation as a test given us as a people by God, not necessarily as a judgment on us or on Abraham Lincoln. "Man is immortal till his work is done;" and President Lincoln's work was done. The veil would yet be lifted:

"God is his own interpreter,  
And he will make it plain."

Rev. Mr. Williams spoke feelingly of the personal character and traits of the lamented Chief Magistrate, and closed

by exhorting his hearers that this was not a time to despair, but to trust in the God above and over all, who has thus far guided and guarded us. Rev. Mr. Horwood, L. W. Thayer, and H. L. Comstock, also addressed the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the chairman appointed a committee of thirteen to make arrangements for the funeral services. The committee consisted of L. W. Thayer, H. L. Comstock, J. H. Darling, J. A. McElwain, J. E. Bills, J. Watts, H. A. Dudley, C. W. Bailey, L. A. Hayward, A. Holly, B. Healy, M. H. Morris, J. Ransom.

The Western New Yorker remarked, in reference to the occasion, that "the solemn and universal observance of the day was grateful to every loyal heart, and reflected honor upon the good taste and sense of propriety of our citizens. It was a day never to be forgotten by those who participated in its observance."

The committee of thirteen reported that the public demonstration should take place at the Methodist church at noon of the following Wednesday, that being the day and hour fixed for the obsequies at Washington; and that Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, pastor of the Presbyterian church, should deliver the funeral discourse. On that day the places of business were closed and hung with mourning. The church, also thus draped, was crowded with citizens of Warsaw and the surrounding towns. The discourse was able, appropriate, and eloquent.

## T E M P E R A N C E .

THE date of the first Temperance Society in this town, we are unable to ascertain. According to our best recollection, the Genesee County Temperance Society was formed in 1826 or 1827; and the society in this town was probably formed as early.

Where, or by whom, the temperance reform was originated, we do not remember, if we ever knew. The first temperance document we can call to mind, was an address by a Mr. Kittridge, of New Hampshire, which gave to the cause a powerful impulse; and the name of the pamphlet, "Kittridge's Address," soon became, throughout the country, as familiar as any household word. This was soon followed by Beecher's "Six Sermons on Intemperance," which also rendered the cause essential service. A portion of the newspaper press soon came to its support. Meetings were held in all parts of the country; the Pledge of abstinence was circulated in every town, and signed by large numbers of persons of both sexes; among them many intemperate persons. And, although a large portion of the latter relapsed, many were effectually reclaimed.

But as yet spirituous liquors only were proscribed. Complete success, it was believed, required a pledge to abstain from *all* intoxicating drinks; and the societies soon adopted the total abstinence principle. In 1836, the Genesee County Temperance Society held a meeting in Warsaw, when, after a discussion of two days, this principle was adopted with but two dissenting votes; and these were given by men who, though "tee-totalers" in principle and practice, opposed the change simply from the apprehension that it would alienate many friends of the cause, and retard its progress. These fears, entertained here and elsewhere, were soon found to have been ill-founded.

The light elicited by discussion wrought a great change in the minds and practice of men. This is not surprising. The marvel is, that the opinions and habits so long prevalent should ever have received the sanction of wise and good men. The whisky jug was thought an indispensable help in the harvest field. A man meeting a friend at or near a tavern, invited him to the bar to "take a drink." A man was deemed wanting in hospitality if he did not "treat" his visitors. The traveler who stopped at the tavern to warm, thought it "mean" to leave without patronizing the bar to the amount of a sixpence or a shilling. The idea had not yet been conceived that both parties would have been more benefited had the money been paid for the fire, and the liquor left in the decanter. Liquor bought by large measure was kept in many families for daily use. Seated at the breakfast table, or just before sitting, the glass was passed around to "give an appetite." Bittered with some herb or drug, it was used as a sovereign remedy for most of the ailments "flesh is heir to," and often in advance as a preventive. It was taken because the weather was hot, and because it was cold. Liquors being kept in most country stores, some merchants were wont to "treat" their customers, especially when they made liberal bills, and sometimes beforehand, to sharpen their appetite for trading. Happily, most of these customs soon became obsolete, especially among the better class of society, and, it is hoped, will never be revived.

With the progress of the temperance cause, the manufacture of domestic distilled spirits declined. There was in nearly every town a distillery, in some towns two or more. In a few years, most of them were stopped.

Although active and efficient friends of the cause arose at once in every town, in no part of the county of Genesee was its early progress more rapid than in the southern towns; and in none of them was there a greater number of effective laborers than in the towns of Warsaw, Perry, and Arcade. Prominent among the pioneers in this enterprise in Perry,



were Samuel F. Phenix, Henry Phenix, Willard J. Chapin, and Josiah Andrews. In Arcade were Huntington Lyman, R. W. Lyman, Charles O. Shepard, and others. In Warsaw, among those who united with the Society within the first year or two, were Dr. Daniel Rumsey, Dea. John Munger, Peter Young, Frank Miller, Dr. Augustus Frank, William Patterson, Andrew W. Young, James and John Crocker, and others; and within the next few years, Joshua H. Darling, Isaac Preston, Dea. William Buxton, George W. Morris, F. C. D. McKay, Charles J. Judd, and Alanson Holly. Most of those of the latter class were not residents of the town until some years after the Society was formed.

#### THE WASHINGTONIAN MOVEMENT.

In 1840 commenced what has often been spoken of as the great "temperance revival." A number of abandoned men in the city of Baltimore, who were wont to spend their evenings at the taverns and other haunts of vice and drunkenness, resolved to reform, and at once became "tee-totalers." Not content with their own reformation, they started on a mission to reform others. They traversed a large portion of the country, lecturing generally to large gatherings. Drunkards in large numbers, and from great distances attended, and many of them signed the pledge. The most prominent of this band of reformers was John Hawkins, who, though unlettered, was one of the most effective temperance lecturers in the country. Although there was nothing in their principles and efforts to distinguish them from other temperance men—it being their object to induce persons of all classes to sign and keep the pledge—yet these men and their converts were generally designated "Washingtonians." As the result of their efforts, reformed drunkards became missionaries, and constituted for a time, the principal lecturing force of the country. Many drunkards were reclaimed, and many moderate drinkers became thorough temperance men.

Perhaps we shall be justified in mentioning an evil, incident to this movement, for which, however, the movement

itself is not responsible. The public, to a great extent, came to regard these men as the great champions of the cause and indispensable to its success, while the ablest and most efficient pioneers in it were esteemed as of little account. Often was the pulpit surrendered, on the Sabbath, to men whose vulgar, laughter-provoking stories were wholly unbecoming the place and the occasion. It was by no means strange that many who, under such influences, signed the pledge, soon relapsed into their old habits. Yet great good was accomplished. Probably at about the close of these "special efforts" and for a few years thereafter, less ardent spirits were drunk in proportion to our population than there have been at any time since distilleries were established.

#### LICENSE QUESTION.

As incidental to the temperance reform, came the question of "license, or no license." Licenses to sell liquors at retail were then granted in each town by the Board of Excise, consisting of the Supervisor and the four Justices of the Peace. For fifteen or twenty years, men were elected to these offices in this town, a majority of whom were opposed to granting licenses. So also in many other towns. Although more or less liquors were sold in this town in violation of law, the quantity drunk was greatly diminished. For months at a time, a drunken man was not seen in the streets of this village. As one of the happy effects of the temperance effort, a number of respectable citizens who, as yet, became only occasionally intoxicated, were saved by taking the pledge; made a profession of religion, and ever after led an exemplary life.

But a reverse ensued. The friends of temperance, not satisfied with the progress they were making by means of "moral suasion," henceforth abated their efforts in this direction, and sought the desired consummation in a more summary manner, by the aid of the strong arm of the law. Their mistake consisted, not in seeking the aid of legislation, but in the relaxation of effort in the use of former tried and effective

instrumentalities, the diligent appliance of which was necessary to prepare public sentiment to sustain and enforce a restrictive law if one should be enacted.

A stringent prohibitory law was passed in the state of Maine. Authenticated official statements soon showed a reduction, in some districts, of more than three-fourths of the expenses of pauperism and crime. With some modifications, the law remains unrepealed. A similar law was, in 1855, passed in this state; and its practical working gave promise of equally favorable results. But the public were soon apprised that its constitutionality would be contested; and dealers were encouraged to resume the traffic. A case was carried to the Court of Appeals, and a majority pronounced the act unconstitutional. Many eminent jurists, however, concurred in the opinion of the minority. Since that decision, the question of legislative restriction has not been agitated in this state.

In 1857, a new excise law was passed. It abolishes the town boards of excise, and vests the power to grant licenses for the whole county in a board of three Commissioners appointed by the County Judge. Its restraining effect, if it has any, is not apparent. Licenses are now granted in every town. Under the former law, they were in many towns refused.

It is the general opinion that intemperance has for many years been increasing; and many believe that it was never more prevalent. The latter opinion is probably erroneous; the former is believed to be correct. And it is equally true that due efforts are not making to check the growing evil. The only active temperance organization in this town is the "O-at-ka Lodge, No. 168, Independent Order of Good Templars, organized December 23d, 1866, with twenty-seven charter members. The number of initiations to October 31st, 1868, was, Males, 135; of Females, 133.—Total, 268. Its officers are as follows:

*Worthy Chief Templars*—Wm. D. Miner, Charles W. Bailey, James M. Fullington, Rev. E. E. Williams, Wm. H. McElwain, Asa P. Lord.

*Worthy Vice Templars*—Mrs. Catharine Shattuck, Mrs. Emma C. Homer, Mrs. Esther S. Tuttle, Miss Mary McCagg, Miss Helen S. Gardner, Miss Alice E. Fisk, Miss Carrie M. Hollister, Miss Eva M. Fargo.

*Worthy Secretaries*—Charles W. Bailey, James M. Fullington, M. R. Quackenbush.

*Lodge Deputies*—Seth M. Gates, William D. Miner.

This association is pursuing its object with commendable diligence, and is believed to be doing a good work. But it can not do all that needs to be done. Another organization is necessary to reach some which the former can not. There are those who would prefer open associations, though both have one and the same object—to persuade and encourage the people to avoid the use of alcoholic poison as a beverage. Few of the pioneers of 1830 survive. There are among us, however, the sons of a number of them, who could, perhaps, in no better way honor the names of their worthy fathers, than by renewed effort to complete their unfinished work.

## ANTISLAVERY.

In few parts of the country did the antislavery sentiment earlier or more strongly prevail than in this town, and a few others in the then southern part of Genesee county. However widely men may still differ in their views in regard to the merits of the Antislavery Societies, it will be generally admitted, that the people of Warsaw have taken so prominent a part in the great antislavery effort, that our history would be materially defective if it did not contain a record of events which have associated so intimately the name of Warsaw with the cause of abolition.

The American Antislavery Society was formed in 1833. The Warsaw Antislavery Society was formed the same year or the next. The great object of the abolitionists was, by the discussion of the subject, and the exhibition of the evils of slavery, to produce a public sentiment at the North which should induce its abolition by the states in which it existed, they only having the power; and by Congress in the District of Columbia, where Congress only possessed the power to abolish it. Town and county societies were soon formed in many parts of this state and other northern states. This movement alarmed the southern people; the excitement soon became general. A vehement opposition was raised in the North, and public meetings were broken up. The first annual meeting of the State Society was held in Utica, in 1835. By a mob, instigated by leading citizens, and embracing some of them, the meeting was dispersed; and the delegates were compelled to flee to a neighboring county to transact their business. To that meeting the town of Warsaw sent five delegates, viz: Dr. Augustus Frank, F. C. D. McKay, Samuel Fisher, 2d, William Buxton, and Rev. Abraham Ennis.

The first annual meeting of the Genesee County Antislavery Society, held at Batavia, March 16, 1836, was routed in a similar manner. The antislavery sentiment prevailed



most in the southern towns, especially Warsaw, Perry, and Arcade, and in Le Roy, in the north part. With a view to the diffusion of the principles of the Society, Batavia was selected as the place of meeting. Aware that there was among the Batavians a strong prejudice against the abolitionists, it was deemed prudent to obtain from some of their leading citizens an expression of opinion in relation to the holding of the meeting in that place. In answer to the application, the following statement, dated March 5, 1836, was received, signed by seven gentlemen, six Lawyers, and one Merchant:

“Although we doubt the policy, in general, of the advocates of immediate abolition, and many of the measures for effecting the objects which they profess to have in view; yet we are utterly opposed to any measures, the tendency of which would interfere with the individual rights of any citizen, or which should abridge the expression of opinion in an orderly or quiet manner.” Seven other gentlemen, among the most eminent citizens, verbally expressed their concurrence in the above sentiment. Of these, two were Justices of the Peace, who said they should, as a matter of course, use their official authority, if it should become necessary, to prevent a disturbance. Under such encouragement, a meeting was appointed to be held at the Court House in Batavia, on the 16th of March.

On the 12th, a notice was posted throughout the village, of which the following is a copy:

“CITIZENS OF BATAVIA, ATTEND! The citizens of Batavia, without distinction of party, are desired to meet at the Court House this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, precisely, to take into consideration what measures it is necessary to adopt with reference to the proposed meeting of abolitionists, to be held in this village on Wednesday next. Let all opposed to fanaticism, and who value the existence and perpetuity of the Union, attend.

“March 12, 1836.

“ANTI-FANATICISM.”

The principal resolutions adopted at the meeting, were the following:

“That, whatever may be the object of the meeting of the said society, we are utterly opposed to its being held in this village; and that, in the opinion of this meeting, none but those who are reckless of the public weal, regardless of the common bond of union by which the states are cemented, and are anxious more for broil, anarchy and insurrection than for union and national quiet, would, at such a time as this, propose so dangerous a topic for discussion as that which involves the constitutional rights of the slaveholding states.

“That, as citizens of Batavia, independent of the abstract question of slavery, and the avowed objects of the Antislavery Society, most sincerely deprecating any disturbance of the peace and tranquillity of our village, we can not suppress the apprehensions we entertain of the consequences that may result from the holding of the contemplated meeting of the Antislavery Society in this village.

“That a committee to consist of fifty persons be appointed to wait upon the Abolition Society, if it should meet in pursuance of the notices given, and make known to it the proceedings of this meeting, and request that no proceedings be had by this Society.”

The Antislavery Society met, pursuant to notice, at the Court House. Before the meeting was duly organized, its proceedings were interrupted by the entrance of the Committee of Fifty, in behalf of the citizens of Batavia. The chairman read the proceedings of the village meeting held on the 12th, and followed the reading by a short speech, in which he stated that the citizens had no confidence in the good intentions of the abolitionists, and that, therefore, they (the citizens) could not be held responsible for any flagrant acts which might be committed. The committee then gave notice that they would retire to a place named, and await a reply from the meeting. The greater portion of the committee, however, remained, together with some fifty men and boys who had come in with them.

The meeting appointed a Committee of Five to prepare a reply: Henry Brewster and Seth M. Gates, of Le Roy, Gen. John D. Landon, of Castile, Wm. Patterson, of Warsaw, and Huntington Lyman. This committee in their reply disclaimed a want of respect for the citizens of Batavia, the meeting having not been appointed without previous consultation with respectable citizens, and referred to the statement signed by the seven, which had been voluntarily drawn up by the chairman of the Committee of Fifty himself, and to the verbal statements of others. The committee also asserted "the *unqualified right* peaceably to assemble and deliberate upon such matters as *we* may deem important to the interests of our common country; and we can not, consistently with our self-respect and the sacred rights of citizenship, acknowledge the right of any persons, or body of men, to molest us when assembled, or require us to cease our deliberations." They said, further, that it was evident from the resolutions of the Committee of Fifty, that the citizens passing them did not understand the real sentiments of the abolitionists. The society disclaimed any intention of interfering with the constitutional rights of any portion of the people of this Union, or of exciting the slaves to acts of violence, and stated that the publications of the American Antislavery Society had no such tendency. In reply to the insinuation that their motives were not what they professed, they referred the committee to their conduct as citizens where they reside, which was one of the safest tests of motives and intentions. On the whole, therefore, they did not feel it their duty to yield to the request of the citizens of Batavia, and suggested that the citizens could avoid all possible injury, if they refrained from attending the meeting; and that, "inasmuch as the committee declared that they would deeply regret any acts of violence and discord, whether they will not, as good citizens, feel bound to exert themselves, in good faith, to prevent the acts of disorder which they profess to deprecate, and thus give a practical demonstration that they are governed by good motives, whether we

are or not. Should fifty as respectable citizens as those who have waited on us thus act, the result can be easily anticipated."

This report was communicated by a Special Committee to the chairman of the Committee of Fifty, and the meeting proceeded to complete their organization preparatory to the transaction of business, but were interrupted by stamping and loud vociferation, and various other noisy demonstrations of the intruders, not only without the least attempt by any of the members of the committee who remained, to suppress the riot, but rather with the approval of some of them manifested by gestures and other signs. After several unsuccessful attempts, by expostulation and remonstrance, to abate the disturbance, the meeting was adjourned to Warsaw one week from that day.

The history of events like this, which were not of rare occurrence in those days, will be read with surprise by our descendants. That men, not merely those of the "baser sort," but of moral worth and high standing, should countenance such flagrant infractions of the right of free speech, in a country professedly regarding this very right as among the most valuable guaranties of its constitution, will appear incredible. The advocates of the most absurd and demoralizing sentiments, not excepting promiscuous cohabitation or "free love," open infidelity, and withal slavery, whose natural concomitants were oppression, the violation of marital rights, and the severance of the domestic relations by the sale of parties at public auction, were everywhere allowed free speech, while those who felt it their duty to oppose a system attended with such a train of evils, and to defend that fundamental principle of our government—the inalienable right of all men to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"—were in many places not permitted to give a public expression of their sentiments. The freedom of the press—a right held so dear by the American people, that they demanded for it an *express guaranty* by an amendment of the constitution,—was strik-

ingly illustrated, in several instances, by the destruction of presses established for the express purpose of advocating the principles of freedom. In short, free speech was tolerated on every subject except that of liberty itself!

In New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Albany, and other places, meetings were held in whose proceedings their most distinguished citizens participated, at which the severest censure upon abolitionists were passed. At the Albany meeting Governor Marcy presided; in the meeting in Boston, Edward Everett took a prominent part.

These facts are here alluded to, not to revive latent animosities, for none are supposed to exist; nor to reproach any for acts which they have themselves since most deeply regretted; but because they are facts which our descendants have a right to know, and which a faithful historian would not suppress. They have a moral, too. Errors often have the sanction of great names. Their opinions, though often valuable, and always entitled to respectful and candid consideration, are not to be taken on trust. It behooves every man to investigate, and to think for himself, availing himself of such helps as are likely to conduct him to correct conclusions.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Genesee County Antislavery Society met at Warsaw, March 23, 1836. A series of resolutions and an address were adopted, together with a "Declaration of Sentiment," expressing, in brief form, the principles of the abolitionists, for the information of any who might never have seen a statement of them. Measures were also taken for establishing a free press; and one thousand dollars was pledged for its support the first year. Such paper was accordingly established. [See Newspapers.]

There was as yet no political antislavery party. The abolitionists continued to vote for the candidates of their respective parties. They petitioned Congress to abolish slavery in the the District of Columbia, and their petitions were disrespectfully treated. Many of them then began to vote for candidates for Congress who were in favor of that measure,



irrespective of party. As late as 1837, the American Anti-Slavery Society declared it inexpedient to form an antislavery party. The subject of a political organization, however, began soon after to be agitated. Although local organizations of the kind may have been earlier formed, a national antislavery party did not exist before 1839. A meeting of the Western New York Antislavery Society was held at Warsaw, in the Presbyterian church, Nov. 13, 1839. The extreme badness of the roads prevented a general attendance. There were present about fifty persons, as members, nearly all of them from the southern towns of the county, then Genesee. A proposition was made to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President. It was opposed by a large portion of the members; but its advocates, among whom were Myron Holley and William L. Chaplin, able and eloquent men, who had come for this special purpose, succeeded, after a two days' discussion, in carrying the measure by a small majority. James G. Birney, formerly a slaveholder in Alabama, who had emancipated his slaves and removed to the North, was nominated for President, and Francis J. Lemoyne, of Pennsylvania, for Vice-President.

The result of this measure was to divide the abolitionists. A large majority in this state and other states, refused to join the new party, and continued their connection with the old parties; voting generally, however, for candidates for Congress who were in favor of a respectful reception of antislavery petitions, and for abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia, and opposed to its extension into free territory, by which party soever they had been nominated.

The antislavery societies were now composed almost entirely of persons who belonged to the new political organization, and were therefore weak in respect to numbers. Nor did the new party ever acquire great numerical strength. In 1844, when Mr. Birney was again a candidate, but a little more than 15,000 votes were given in this state for the antislavery electoral ticket. That party, however, was composed chiefly

of respectable and worthy citizens, and may, by its intrinsic moral power, have had a greater effect upon the politics of the country than has generally been supposed.

In 1848, the Antislavery party was merged in the Free Soil party. Texas had been admitted to the Union as a slave state; and a large territory had been acquired from Mexico, which also was intended to be converted into slave states, with the view, as was supposed, to the ultimate predominance of slavery in the national government. On the 9th of August, 1848, a National Mass Convention of the friends of free territory was held at Buffalo. Resolutions against the extension of slavery were adopted; and candidates for President and Vice-President were nominated. The abolitionists had already nominated John P. Hale, of New Hampshire, for President; but he and his friends expressed a willingness to submit to the action of the Convention, which made choice of Martin Van Buren for President, and Charles Francis Adams for Vice-President. At a state convention in September following, the new party, called the "Democratic Free Soil Party," nominated for Governor, John A. Dix, of Albany, and for Lieutenant-Governor, Seth M. Gates, of Warsaw. Before the next Presidential election, (1852,) nearly all the Whigs and Democrats who had joined this party returned to their former parties; and thereafter only a few thousand votes were cast for antislavery candidates, until after the formation of the Republican party in 1855.

## ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

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### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

THE ecclesiastical or religious history of the town demands a place in this work. The salutary influence of the Christian religion upon the character and welfare of a community, is universally admitted. Its happy effects wherever it is duly exemplified, may be seen in all the relations of life. To transmit a record of the virtues of the fathers, is due to their descendants, many of whom will cherish their memories with the highest satisfaction, and regard their good names as the richest portion of their inheritance.

The early settlers were generally respectable men and good citizens; but there were among them, for several years, few professors of religion. Funerals were attended without any religious service. The first two were those of children, at one of which, and it is believed at both, no such service was performed. The third death of which we have knowledge, was that of Dwight Noble, the first adult person who died in town, in January, 1807. His death was deeply deplored, and it is presumed that his funeral was attended by most of the men in town; yet there was not so much as the offering of a prayer on the occasion, though there may have been among the then latest settlers one or more, who, had they been present, would have performed that service. In the year 1807, Dea. Eliphalet Parker, of Granville, N. Y., settled on East Hill; and about the same time Dea. Abraham Reed, and Dea. Ezra Walker, both also of Granville, settled on the West Hill. Whether they brought with them their religious titles, we cannot say; but they were the first, or among the

first, who conducted religious services in those early days; and, as will be seen, all of them became members of the first organized church in the town, the Presbyterian.

This Church, when organized, was in form Congregational. But to avoid indistinctness and confusion, we shall designate it throughout by its present title, by which it has been distinguished almost from the time of its organization, and long before the change of its form of government. It was organized July 14, 1808. Rev. John Lindsey, a missionary in these parts, officiated on the occasion, and preached a sermon. The church consisted of ten members, and was styled the "First Congregational Church of Warsaw." The names of the members were, Edward Goodspeed, Eliphalet Parker, Luther Parker, Ezra Walker, Abraham Reed, Israel Branch, Polly Day, Prudence A. Walker, Martha Parker, and Rhoda Parker.

Eliphalet Parker and Israel Branch were chosen Deacons. Abraham Reed was chosen Moderator, and Ezra Walker Church Clerk. A Confession of Faith and Covenant were adopted. The singing was usually led by Dea. Walker or Dea. Parker.

The church was for several years partially supplied by missionaries and occasional ministers, as Messrs. Lindsley, Phelps, Parmelee, Spencer, and Oliver Ayer. In connection with the labors of Mr. Ayer, in 1808 or 1809, occurred, as we are informed, the first religious awakening in town. Passing through Western New York as a missionary under the direction of the Connecticut Missionary Society, Mr. Ayer preached here one Sabbath. His custom was to spend only one Sabbath and pass on. But observing here, as he thought, unusual attention and seriousness, he tarried and spent a second Sabbath, and wrote home for leave to labor longer, if the preached word should produce, as it already seemed to do, a marked effect. Leave was granted; and he remained three or four months. The awakening became general, and many heads of families were hopefully converted. Among

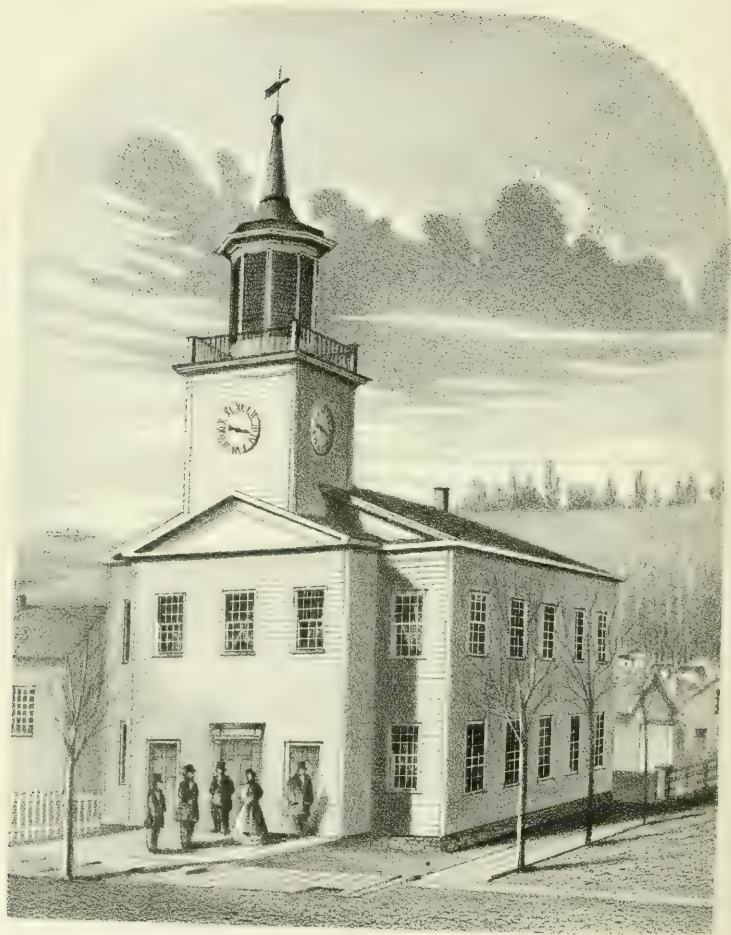
the number were, Dea. John Munger and wife, John McWhorter, Sen., and wife, Elkanah Day and wife, and his son, Artemas Day, Hezekiah Wakefield and wife, Zera Tanner and wife, Doctor Chauncey L. Sheldon, Giles Parker and wife, and many others whose names are less familiar to our citizens generally. Elkanah Day was son-in-law to Mr. McWhorter; so that here was brought into the church at one time, Artemas Day, the son, Elkanah Day and wife, the parents, and Esq. John McWhorter and wife, the grandparents.

In 1813, Rev. Silas Hubbard was chosen and installed the first pastor, at or about which time the church, it has been said, adopted the Presbyterian form of government. This is probably simply an inference from a minute on the records, under date of Sept. 9, 1813, of the appointment of Dea. Ezra Walker "to attend the Presbytery, and to form a relation with that body." Although the church was from that time regularly represented in Presbytery, the records show the absence still of a church session, and a continuance of the Congregational mode of disciplining offending members. The change was made on the recommendation of Rev. Julius Steele, whose ministry of nearly two and a half years, closed early in the spring of 1831. This fact is distinctly remembered, and the more so from the additional fact that the vote was unanimous. But as the records for about six years, including the period of Mr. Steele's ministry, are lost, no record of the vote is to be found.

In 1814, Rev. Mr. Hubbard, on account of failing health, resigned the pastorate. In 1816, he was succeeded by Rev. Hippocrates Rowe, who supplied the churches of Warsaw and Orangeville on alternate Sabbaths. His pastorate continued about two years, when it was terminated by his death. Hitherto religious services had been held in the school-house, which was one of ordinary size, and stood where the Baptist church now stands.







**OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** (Built in 1817)

Although the need of a more suitable and commodious house of worship had been felt, no active effort toward the specific object had as yet been made. The incorporation of an Academy had been authorized by the legislature, and subscriptions toward the erection of the building had been taken; lumber had been purchased; and the architect, James Webster, had been engaged; when, because the people of Middlebury also had procured a charter for an Academy, and both, it was presumed, could not prosper, or for other reasons not generally known, it was determined to change the contemplated Academy into a house of worship. The subscribers being principally Presbyterians and Baptists, they soon procured the whole interest in the concern; and in the spring and summer of 1817, the building was erected and inclosed. This is said by some to be the first church edifice built in this state west of Genesee river. For several years it was used more or less in the summer season; and in 1821, the Presbyterians, having bought out the Baptists, finished it.

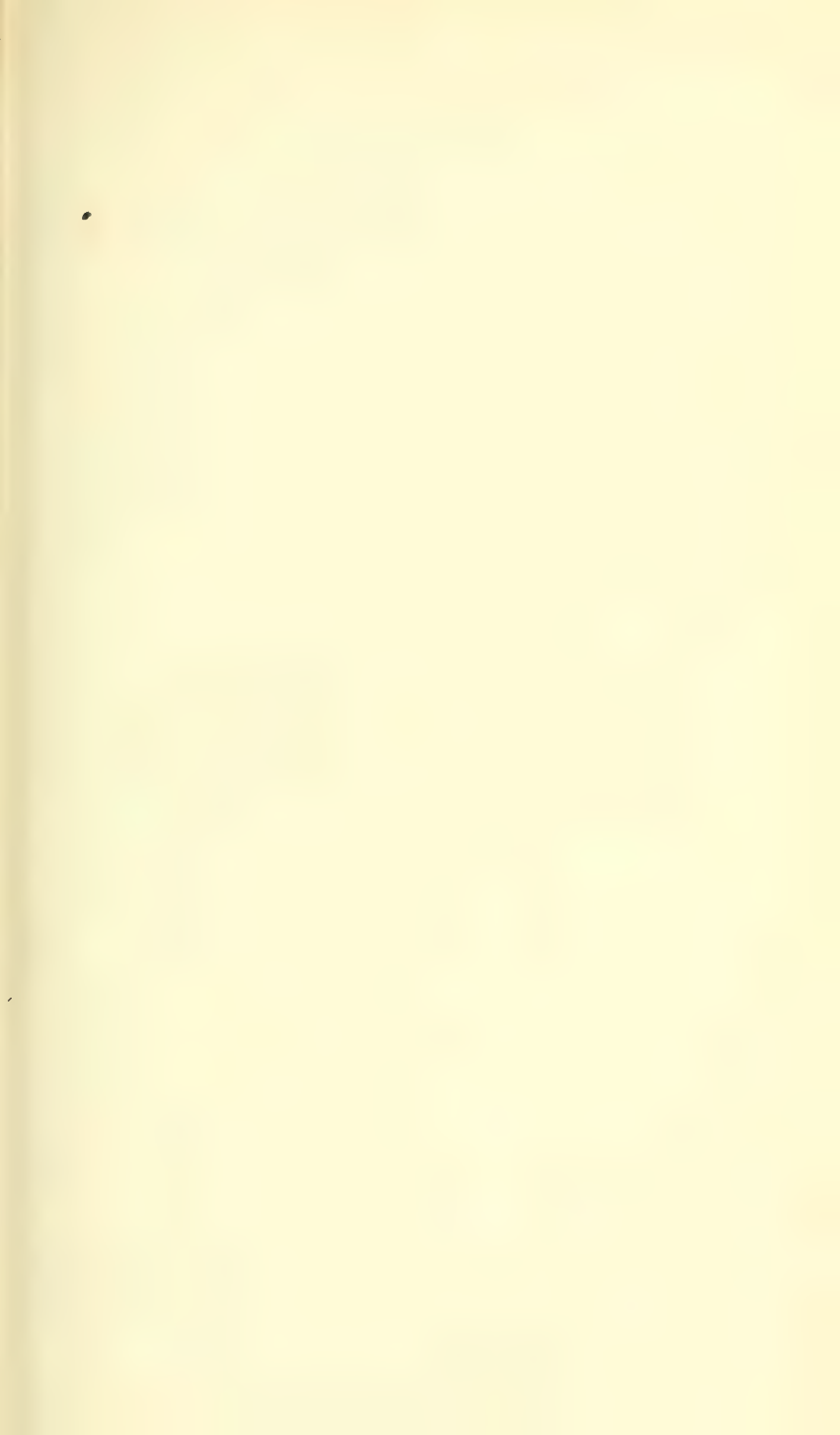
May 30, 1818, at a meeting of the church, the subject of Sabbath schools was considered. It was resolved, "That it is the duty of the church to begin a Sabbath school for the religious instruction of children as soon as practicable, and that the Rev. Ebenezer Everett, John Munger, and Daniel Rumsey, be appointed a committee to draft a constitution and present it to the church at their next meeting."

Pursuant to adjournment, the church met June 6, 1818, and resolved, "That we will comply with the request of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to have stated meetings to instruct the baptized children, and that Tuesday next be appointed for that purpose." The constitution of the Sabbath school was presented, read, and accepted. After which it was resolved, "That Sabbath schools begin in three school districts next Sabbath." This movement was one of the earliest made toward the establishment of Sabbath schools in this part of the state.

After the death of Mr. Rowe, the church had little more than occasional preaching by Rev. Messrs. Parmelee (probably the father of Rev. Abial Parmelee,) Elihu Mason, and others, and a few months' supply by Rev. Ebenezer Everett, until the summer of 1818. In July or August of that year, Rev. Norris Bull, then in the employ of the New York Young Men's Missionary Society, became the stated supply of the church for nearly a year. He then returned to the East, undecided as to his accepting the invitation of the church to become their pastor. At some time between the fall of 1819 and the spring of 1820, Mr. Bull resumed his labors in this place; and in the spring of 1821, he accepted a call from the church at Geneseo. After this the people enjoyed for a time only occasional preaching by neighboring ministers, as Rev. Calvin Colton, of Le Roy, Rev. E. Chapin, of Batavia, Rev. Samuel T. Mills, of Moscow, and Rev. Amos Brown, of Perry Center, and perhaps others.

In the summer of 1822, Rev. Abial Parmelee became stated supply, and continued his ministry about four years. By whom the church was supplied for the next two years is not recollected; and as this is a part of the period of which the records are lost, the fact can not be ascertained. From December, 1828, to April, 1831, the church enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Julius Steele. In the autumn of 1831, James and John Crocker, Roderick Chapin, and Samuel Whitlock, were chosen ruling elders. Soon after the departure of Mr. Steele, Rev. Isaac Oakes supplied the church about a year. "Father Oakes," though in consequence of infirmities and age he retired from the ministry many years ago, still lives in Nunda, and is supposed to be the only living minister in the line from the organization of the church to the close of his ministry here, with the exception, perhaps, of Rev. Ebenezer Everett, who was not long since living in Ontario county.

Rev. Ezra Scovel was installed pastor in February, 1833; Rev. Samuel H. Gridley, of Perry Center, acting as Moderator. The elders then acting, and whose names were







*John Munger.*

appended to the call, were John Frayer, Gideon Johnson, Peter Young, John Munger, Samuel Whitlock, William Buxton, James Crocker, and John Crocker, of whom only Mr. Young, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Whitlock, are living. Of the Trustees, the only one now living or acting with the church, is Frank Miller. Mr. Seovel's pastorate closed in the spring of 1835. During the year following, the church was supplied by Rev. Ward Childs; and during a part of the next year by Rev. Stephen Porter, from Geneva, who had established a select school in the village.

December 28, 1834, the session took action upon the subject of Slavery, and adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

"The session of the Presbyterian Church of Warsaw, viewing with unfeigned regret, as repugnant to the principles of the Gospel and humanity, the practice which prevails in many parts of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, of trafficking in human flesh, and holding in bondage their fellow-men, do adopt the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That we commend in our southern brethren all the laudable efforts which they are making to enlighten the colored race and meliorate their condition.

"*Resolved*, That we hail with delight the doings of the Synod of Kentucky in the measures which they have taken to recommend the entire abolition of slavery within the period of the present generation.

"*Resolved*, That we respectfully request the Presbytery of Genesee, of which we are members, to act on a resolution approving the doings of the Synod of Kentucky on the subject of slavery as it exists in the Presbyterian Church.

"*Resolved*, That we respectfully suggest to the Presbytery the propriety of adopting a resolution to lay this subject before the Synod of Genesee at their next annual session."

During the year 1837, and a part of the year 1838, the church was supplied for short periods by Rev. Messrs. O. S. Powell, H. A. Sackett, Wm. Bridgman, and perhaps others.

In October, 1838, a call was given to Rev. Daniel Waterbury, of Franklin, Delaware county, and by him accepted. After having preached two or three Sabbaths, and a Thanksgiving sermon, he was taken ill, and died in about three weeks. In the ensuing winter his remains were disinterred, at the request of his relatives, and delivered to a messenger sent by them, and conveyed to Franklin. The society had paid the expenses of Mr. Waterbury's removal to this place, (\$150;) and at a meeting after his death, a quarter's salary was unanimously voted to his family.

In June, 1839, Rev. Ralph S. Crampton was installed pastor. In the winter following, the church was divided, nearly one-half of its number leaving, and forming the present Congregational church. Rev. Richard Kay, who was then preaching at Holly, became stated supply of the Presbyterian church in Warsaw, and Mr. Crampton took his place at Holly. In the autumn of 1840, Edwin B. Miller, and in 1845, Luther Foster and Samuel Fisher 1st, were added to the session, several of its members having united with the Congregational church. Mr. Kay, after a service of five years, closed his labors in the spring of 1845, and was succeeded the same year by Rev. A. C. McClelland, who supplied the church for a portion of a year, who is at present Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian church, Pittsburg, Penn., and was followed by Rev. Hugh Mair, D. D., who preached one year. He has since died.

In the summer of 1847, Rev. Abraham T. Young accepted an invitation, and supplied the church three years, in which time a parochial school was established, which was continued for twelve or fourteen years. After Mr. Young's departure, Rev. John K. Cornyn supplied the church one year. He has since died. In 1852, Rev. Edward Wall preached a few weeks, and was followed by Rev. Stuart Mitchell, who was ordained and installed Oct. 22, 1852. He closed his pastorate in the spring of 1855, after a service of nearly three years. In September of the same year, a unani-

mous call was given to Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, the present pastor, who was ordained and installed, October 24th, 1855. In 1856, Harlow L. Comstock was added to the session. In 1863, Timothy H. Buxton and Samuel Fisher 2d, were added; and Edward A. Miller the following April.

#### SEMI-CENTENARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A festive gathering of the Sabbath School, Parochial School, and congregation of the Presbyterian church, took place in the yards of Frank and Edwin B. Miller, on Friday, July 23, 1858, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church. Invitations having been extended to other churches in the village, a large number of persons attended.

Rev. JOSEPH E. NASSAU, pastor of the church was chosen President, who, on taking the chair, said: "We are assembled, old and young, on an interesting occasion. We come to render our acknowledgments to God for his goodness to the 'Old Church' of Warsaw during the last half century. We have not met to indulge in self-glorification; but we assemble to engage in profitable, rational festivities, and to lay our united votive offerings upon the altar of the God of our fathers."

The organization of the meeting was then completed by choosing the following officers:

*Vice-Presidents*—JOHN MUNGER, WILLIAM WEBSTER, CYRUS TANNER, PETER PATTERSON, PETER YOUNG, DAVID YOUNG, TIMOTHY STEDMAN, ELIJAH CHAMBERLAIN, AMOS KEENEY, JULIUS WHITLOCK, and JAMES WEBSTER, (architect of the old church edifice.)

*Secretaries*—E. B. MILLER, H. A. DUDLEY, and AUGUSTUS FRANK.

The Hymn, "Glorious things of thee are spoken," was sung by the assemblage; passages from the 46th and 48th Psalms were read by the pastor; prayer was offered by Rev. Lemuel Leonard, Principal of Geneseo Academy; and a Sabbath

school hymn, "Happy Day," was sung by the children of the two schools gathered on the platform.

An historical sketch of the church was then read by the president, embracing an account of its organization and many incidents in its history and progress; and the hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord," was sung in full chorus. The meeting was then addressed, successively by Amos Keeney, of the Baptist church, Dea. John Munger, Rev. L. Leonard, Rev. Mr. Applegate, of the Episcopal church, Rev. Mr. Cormac, of the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Willing, of the Methodist church, and Frank Miller. The speeches were interspersed with singing, and with instrumental music.

A recess of one hour was then taken, and the assembly repaired to another part of the grounds for refreshments. After which, the company again assembled around the stand, and listened to speeches from Rev. W. D. McKinley, of Tuscarora, Hon. H. L. Comstock, Dea. Peter Young, of the Congregational church, and E. B. Miller. The exercises were then formally closed by singing in full chorus, and apparently with full hearts, the well known hymn,

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;"

and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. D. McKinley.

After the formal closing of the exercises, a large portion of the assemblage continued together for an hour or two, and were addressed, by gentlemen present, and interesting statements were made by several speakers, especially by some of the aged, who were among the first settlers of the town. The grounds were handsomely fitted up; the long tables were richly supplied; and the proceedings and exercises were pronounced by those in attendance both pleasant and profitable.

#### THE NEW CHURCH EDIFICE.

The building of a new house of worship had been in contemplation several years before it was commenced; and Dea.







*Peter Patterson*

*Sketch, p 3/4.*

John Munger had assured to the Society four thousand dollars toward the object. The work was commenced in the spring of 1864. Contracts had been made with Ambrose J. Armstrong, of this town, as master-mason, and with James E. Ketchum, of Phelps, as foreman of the wood work. The corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies, July 14, 1864, in the presence of a large assemblage.

The officers of the meeting were the following:

*President*—HON. PETER PATTERSON.

*Vice-Presidents*—WILLIAM WEBSTER, WELCOM ARNOLD, FRANK MILLER, JULIUS WHITLOCK, LUTHER FOSTER, WALES CHENEY, DAVID YOUNG.

*Secretaries*—EDWIN B. MILLER, HARWOOD A. DUDLEY.

After singing, Rev. Mr. Cunningham, of Gainesville, read the 122d Psalm; and Rev. C. W. Nassau, D. D., of Lawrenceville, N. J., father of the pastor of the church, offered prayer. The pastor, Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, then addressed the assemblage; and, after giving a brief historical sketch of the church, deposited in the cavity cut in the corner stone a galvanized iron box, 12x8x3 inches, containing the following articles:

1. A copy of the Holy Bible.
2. The Confession of Faith, the Catechisms, and the Form of Government and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church, all bound in one volume.
3. Copies of the latest numbers of the Presbyterian, New York Observer, Home and Foreign Record, Foreign Missionary, Sabbath School Visitor, Minutes of the General Assembly of 1863, and the local papers, viz., The Western New Yorker and the Wyoming Democrat.
4. Two Photographs of the old church edifice, kindly furnished by each of the Picture Galleries of the village.
5. A Photograph of the present session of the church, taken and furnished by Coddington & Davidson.
6. Other Photographs of individuals.

7. List of the present members and officers of the Presbyterian Church of Warsaw at the present date, July 14, 1864.

8. List of the Members and Officers of the Presbyterian Sabbath School at this date.

9. Names of the Building Committee, Committee on Funds, Architect, Chief Mason, and Foreman of Joiner Work.

10. Samples of the Coin and Currency of the United States.

11. An unsigned copy of the Warsaw War Bonds, just issued from the press.

12. Names of Subscribers, thus far, to the New Church Edifice.

In the course of his address, the speaker remarked: "This service must not be understood as as a trifling superstition—not as a senseless ceremony or a vain show, but as an act of solemn consecration and devout homage offered to the Lord God of the Bible, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

At this period he deposited the box in the place prepared to receive it, and the stone was laid in its place.

He then proceeded to conclude his address; which was followed by remarks from Rev. Joseph R. Page, of Perry; Rev. Stuart Mitchell, a former pastor of the church; Rev. Charles Ray, of Wyoming; Rev. John Jones, Principal of Geneseo Academy; Prof. H. D. Gregory, of Philadelphia; Mr. Edwin B. Miller, of Brooklyn, formerly of Warsaw; and Rev. Dr. Nassau, of N. J.

#### DEDICATION OF THE NEW CHURCH.

The church was dedicated the 21st of September, 1865. Rev. Charles Ray, of Wyoming, Rev. Joseph R. Page, of Perry, Rev. George P. Folsom, of Geneseo, Rev. Mr. Steele, of Castile, and Rev. E. W. Kellogg, took part in the exercises. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. D. Gurley, D. D., of Washington City, from Gal. vi, 14: "God forbid that I should

glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The sermon was listened to with close attention by the crowd of people present, and was regarded as beautiful in construction, elegant in diction, and highly practical. Another hymn was sung, which was followed by the dedicatory services and prayer by Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, pastor of the church. At the close of the services, the audience separated to meet at two and a half P. M., in a church reünion.

At two and a half o'clock, the congregation reäsembled; and Hon. Augustus Frank was chosen Chairman. After prayer and singing, Rev. Mr. Nassau gave an Address containing a history of the church since its formation. Other addresses, interspersed with singing, were made by Rev. Mr. Page, Rev. Mr. Ray, Hon. John Fisher, of Batavia, Rev. Mr. Lord, of Perry Center, Judge Skinner, of Buffalo, formerly of Wyoming, Rev. Mr. Jones, of Geneseo Academy, Elder E. B. Miller, of Brooklyn, L. A. Hayward, Esq., Rev. Dr. Gurley, Elder Samuel Fisher, 2d, and others.

Dea. Luther Foster offered a resolution of thanks to Augustus Frank, Samuel Fisher, 2d, and Timothy H. Buxton, for the faithful manner in which they had discharged their duties as a building committee, which was carried unanimously. Mr. Frank, in behalf of the committee, responded, and added some interesting statements as to the cost of the building, and announced that it was not only completed, but clear from debt. The whole cost of the structure and its furniture, was about \$18,000. After singing by the choir, and the benediction by Rev. Mr. Jones, the audience dispersed.

In the evening, an impromptu prayer-meeting was held in the church, a large number of persons attending; thus appropriately closing the services of the day amidst the hallowed associations of the mercy-seat.

A few months after the dedication, an organ was placed in the church at an expense of two thousand dollars, making the entire cost of the sanctuary and furniture, twenty thousand dollars.



The style of architecture of the new church edifice is chaste and beautiful. The building is eighty-five feet long by forty-five wide. The tower and spire over the main entrance make a shaft of one hundred and fifty feet. The spire is covered with slate, and its proportions are perfect. The choir gallery is slightly raised above the floor level, and the pulpit at the other end is in a recess lighted from the sky. The windows are of stained glass. The audience room, which is seventy-two by forty-two feet, and twenty-six feet high, is neatly frescoed. The pulpit and pews are of black walnut, and the wainscoting of chestnut.

#### FIRST RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

The first religious meetings were held in private houses. Afterwards the school-house was regularly used for public worship on the Sabbath. A church was organized in July, 1808; but there was no legally incorporated society until 1812. The records of the society from its organization having been preserved, and this being the oldest religious society in town, we copy largely from its recorded proceedings.

The record commences with the Certificate of Incorporation of

#### WARSAW UNION SOCIETY.

“GENESEE COUNTY, SS.

“In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, ‘An Act to provide for the Incorporation of Religious Societies,’ passed the 27th of March, 1801—

“We, the subscribers, certify that at least fifteen days before the fourteenth day of January last, at a meeting of a religious congregation at the school-house near Elizur Webster’s, in the town of Warsaw, Genesee county, being the house in which public worship is statedly held by said congregation, public notice was given by the officiating minister, that on the said fourteenth day of January, a meeting would be held at said school-house for the purpose of forming a religious society and choosing trustees for the same, according



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to the above named act, which notice was afterwards publicly given by a member of said congregation two Sundays immediately preceding said fourteenth day of January, at the place aforesaid.

“We further certify, that at a meeting of the male persons of said congregation, of the full age of twenty-one years, convened in pursuance of said notice, at the time and place aforesaid, Ezra Walker and Chauncey L. Sheldon, members of said society, were nominated and chosen by a majority of the members present, to preside at said election, (there being no Elders or Church Wardens attending said meeting;) likewise, that by a plurality of voices, it was determined that the society should be known and distinguished by the name, style and title of ‘The Trustees and Associates of the Union Society.’

“Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of January, A. D., 1812.

“In the presence of	}	(signed)	CHAUNCEY L. SHELDON, L. S.
EBENEZER MIX.		(signed)	EZRA WALKER, L. S.”

The following is from the recorded proceedings of the meeting referred to in the foregoing certificate:

“At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Warsaw, No. 9, 1st Range, for the purpose of forming a religious society, previous notice being given according to law:

“1st, Chose Ezra Walker, Moderator of said meeting.

“2d, Chose Chauncey L. Sheldon, Society Clerk.

“3d, Voted that *Union* shall be the name of the Society.

“4th, Chose Isaac Phelps, Abraham Reed, John Munger, William Bristol, Zera Tanner, and Shubael Goodspeed, trustees of said society.

“Voted that this society be adjourned *sine die*.

“WARSAW, January 14th, 1812.

“CHAUNCEY L. SHELDON,

“*Society Clerk.*”

The following is a copy of the official record of the formation of the society:

“ *Whereas*, In pursuance of an act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, ‘An Act for the Incorporation of Religious Societies,’ passed March 27, 1801, a number of persons have associated themselves together and formed a society under the name, style, and title of ‘The Chairman, Trustees and Associates of the Union Society,’ the objects of which are:

“ 1. To promote and extend the knowledge of the Christian religion as taught by our blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the principles of religion as found in the Holy Scriptures.

“ 2. To promote and encourage Divine worship and the religious observance of the Sabbath, and to discountenance all acts of immorality.

“ 3. To promote harmony, good understanding, and social intercourse with all men, more especially with the members of this and other religious societies.

“ 4. To promote charity and relief to the poor and distressed in a Christianlike manner, and to see that charity is not bestowed on unworthy and undeserving objects.

“ It is to be observed, that the government and regulations of the society will, agreeably to the statute, be vested in trustees to be chosen by the members of the society, who will have the superintendence of making such rules and regulations as shall be meet and proper for the government of the same, and for superintending and managing all real and personal estate which shall belong to the association, and such other business as the society from time to time shall direct to be done.

“WARSAW, January 11, 1812.”

Abraham Reed, Ezra Walker, Isaac Phelps, Eliphalet Parker, Eliphalet Parker, Jun., Chauncey L. Sheldon, Enoch Merriman, John Munger, Giles Parker, Joseph Palmer, Hez-



ekiah Wakefield, William Stone, Samuel McWhorter, Zera Tanner, Chester Richards, Newton Hawes, William Webster, William Bristol, (No. 8,) Warham Walker, Micah Marchant, Shubael Goodspeed, Ebenezer Hitchcock, Leverett Hitchcock, Jonathan Wright, Jun., Philip Salisbury, Luther Parker, Ebenezer Smith, Jun., Caleb Woodworth, John Eddy, Artemas Day, Nehemiah Paine, John Frayer, Henry Woodward, Silas Walker, Roderick Chapin, Edward Putnam, Almon Stevens, Elisha Parmelee, Daniel Rumsey, Mayhew Safford, Warren Loomis, Augustus Frank, Isaac Preston.

The foregoing names appear on the record as having been promiscuously signed to the foregoing proceedings at the date of the meeting. The last eleven named persons are known to have come into the town since the society was formed, and consequently they must have signed afterwards. The other thirty-two are presumed to have signed their names on or near the day of the meeting. The association, though called "Union Society," is generally known to signify the Presbyterian church and congregation.

The next meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1813, at the house of John McWhorter, which stood near the present residence of Samuel Fisher, 2d.

In the proceedings we find the following: "Voted that the Trustees procure a sufficient piece of land for the purpose of setting a house for public worship, and the expenses to be paid by subscription." This was the first record of an attempt to build a church edifice.

Feb. 8th, 1814. Warsaw Union Society met at the Center School House. At that meeting it was "Voted, that the Trustees of this Society be vested with power to fix a site for a meeting-house, and that it shall be their further duty to call a special society meeting for making a purchase of the said site of land."

At the annual meetings in 1815 and 1816, the Trustees were vested with the same authority. The records show no further action on the subject. A house was built, however, at the time and in the manner already stated. [Page 167.]

The paper containing the subscriptions for building the church, which can not now be found, was signed by a considerable number of the people of the town. Many being unable to pay in money, subscriptions were made payable in grain, lumber, labor, &c. Yet it was with great effort that enough was obtained to raise and inclose the building.

At the annual meeting in February, 1819, it was resolved, as the sense of the meeting, that it was expedient to dispose of the meeting-house to "one or the other society being principal owners," and the Trustees were instructed to carry the measure into effect. And on the 9th of March, a meeting of the "proprietors of Warsaw Meeting-House" was held, at which it was voted "that the house be sold," and that Simeon Cummings be the auctioneer. Mr. Cummings declining, Oliver Lee was appointed; and the sale was ordered to take place in the evening. The house was struck off to the Presbyterian Society at seventy-six cents on the dollar of its nominal value or cost. The Baptist Society being the only other "principal owner," a number of the members of that Society, at the same time and place, executed to the Trustees of the Union Society an assignment of their individual rights, and a bond of indemnity against all claims of any member of the Baptist Society to any interest in the house.

October 24th, 1820, a special meeting was held at which it was "voted that the Society proceed to complete the meeting house;" and "that any sums signed and paid towards the completion of said house, to be paid in grain or any other article, may be paid at an average price equivalent to wheat at seventy-five cents per bushel."

February 13th, 1821, at the annual meeting, "the Trustees of the Society having made a report of their proceedings, in making a contract with Nathan B. Lee for completing the meeting-house, the present season," the report was approved.

The building was used, as completed by Mr. Lee, except the lowering of the pulpit at different times, until 1841, when the old square pews with their straight backs gave way to

modern improvements, and the inside was painted, never having had a coat of paint before. Thus improved, it remained unaltered until it was removed from the spot where it had stood for nearly fifty years, to give place to the present edifice. A picture of the "Old Church" is inserted in its proper place.

#### FIRST CHURCH BELL.

Previous to 1825, there was no church bell in Warsaw. At the meeting of Union Society that year, it was voted to "circulate a subscription for the purpose of raising funds to purchase a bell for the meeting-house."

The movement for procuring a bell may have been prompted, in part, by a rather amusing incident. The year of its occurrence we can not determine. Deacon Munger, then carrying on the tanning business half a mile south of the village, had in his service a nephew, John F. Clark. He was a harmless, "clever" young man, and remarkably facetious withal, bearing the familiar soubriquet of "funny fellow." He had a bugle, which was his favorite companion, and with which he gave many an evening's entertainment to the inhabitants for several miles along the valley. The only meeting house in town was that of the Presbyterians; but it had no bell. It was suggested that the want of one might be supplied by John's bugle; and it was done. He would take his stand at the brink of the hill near the old burying-ground, and give for the "first bell" one or two of the old tunes sung in those days, Mear, Coronation, Sherburne, Exhortation, etc. The call to worship, or "second bell," was given from the steeple, within the railing of the belfry. Such was his love of playing, that his services might probably have been had gratis; but he had been encouraged to expect some compensation. He played a long time; but no pay came. He was at length advised by a friend to play from the steeple a piece of secular music, either as a mild expression of resentment, or as a means of bringing the Trustees to a sense of justice. Accordingly, John, the next Sabbath, struck up the tune of a popular song. The

Deacon happened to be within hailing distance, and, by signs and words, ordered the music stopped. John complied, came down, and took his seat, as usual, with the choir in the gallery. After their arrival home, the subject was introduced by the Deacon, who wished to know the reason for playing so improper a tune. John promptly answered, but was told that his services were no longer wanted.

The following is a copy of the original subscription:

“We, the subscribers, being anxious that a good church bell should be procured for the Meeting-House in Union Society, in the village of Warsaw, and in consideration that the Trustees of said Society have agreed that such sums as shall be paid towards procuring a Bell for said Meeting-House, shall be appropriated and applied in payment for a slip or seat in said Meeting-House, in the same manner as if the same money had been expended in building said house, do therefore promise to pay John Munger, Chauncey L. Sheldon, Augustus Frank, Gideon Johnson, William Webster, and Peter Young, Trustees of said Society and their successors in office, the sums of money annexed to our names respectively for the purpose of procuring a Bell for said Meeting-House.

“Dated December 25, 1824.”

Augustus Frank, . . \$25	Gideon Johnson, . . \$2	A. Stevens, . . . \$10
C. & A. Rumsey, . . 25	John Truesdell, . . 5	A. C. Lyon, . . . 5
John Munger, . . . 10	Orson Hough, . . . 5	Jonas Cutting, . . . 5
Daniel Rumsey, . . . 20	C. Z. C. Leonard, . . 2	Hiram L. Norton, . . 2
Seth G. Bodfitch, . . 5	Cyrus Tanner, . . . 1	Luther Foster, . . . 5
Peter Young, . . . 10	John Frayer, . . . 5	Leonard Rich, . . . 2
Andrew W. Young, . . 5	Francis Newton, . . 2	James Crocker, . . . 5
Matthew Hoffman, . . 10	Hezekiah Wakefield, . 3	Timothy Whiting, . . 1
Lyman Morris, . . . 5	B. Shaw, . . . . . 2	Levi Walker, . . . 1
Isaiah Kenyon, . . . 3	Silas Kidder, . . . 5	Zera Tanner, . . . 2
Ephriam Beebe, . . . 3	C. L. Sheldon, . . . 25	Welcom Arnold, . . . 1
Lot Marchant, . . . 10	Elijah Norton, . . . 10	S. McWhorter, . . . 10
Elizur Webster, . . . 30	Cyrus Rumsey, . . . 15	E. C. Kimberly, . . . 5
Wm. Patterson, . . . 10	B. Shaw, . . . . . 5	Paul Richards, . . . 2
John Wilder, . . . 10	Wm. Walker, . . . . 5	Frank Miller, . . . 1
Linus Warner, . . . . 2	Nehemiah Fargo, . . 5	David Martin, . . . 2
Ira Wilcox, . . . . . 1	J. A. McElwain, . . . 5	Josiah Marchant, . . 2

John Crocker, . . . 5	James Gregg, . . . 2	Hiram Giddings, . . 50c
A.M. & W. D. Barnett, 12	Cyrus Rice, . . . 5	Wm. Fluker, . . . 50c
R. A. Kidder, . . . 2	B. L. Watkins, . . . 2	Owen Marchant, . . 50c
Nathaniel Moss, . . . 3	J. L. Palmer, . . . 1	

The amount subscribed being insufficient, Dr. Frank purchased the bell on his own responsibility, a few individuals having promised to assist in making up any deficiency there might be.

Of the sixty-four persons whose names are embraced in this list of contributors, eighteen only are believed to be living. The number may be still less, as some of these eighteen long ago removed to western states, and have not been lately heard from. Of those who in 1825 resided within the present limits of the village, only four remain in it, viz.: E. Norton, J. A. McElwain, Wm. Walker, Frank Miller.

For a long time this was the only bell in the village, and rendered partial service to other congregations. Each of the five churches here has now a good bell of its own.

The old bell, after about thirty-five years' service, failed. A new one of nearly double its weight was put in its place, and is now suspended in the belfry of the new church edifice.

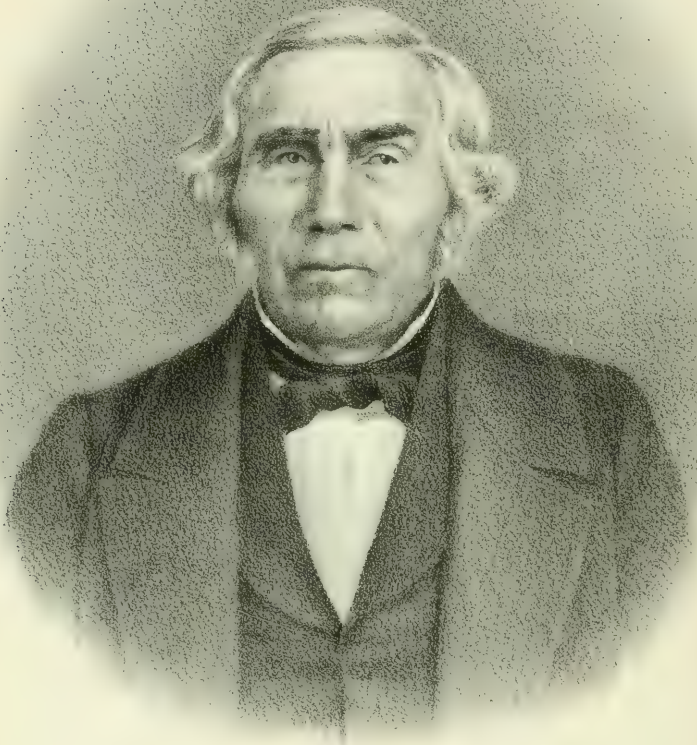


## METHODIST CHURCH.

OF the organization of this church and society, no record is to be found. Nor is there, probably, one of its early members living to give any information respecting it, except Mrs. Hovey, (now eighty-three years of age,) widow of the late Simeon Hovey. Her recollections, and a brief sketch communicated by the late Josiah Hovey, son of Josiah Hovey, Sen., to the Hon. Seth M. Gates, at the time of the formation of a county Historical Society, are the only sources from which we have been able to get any knowledge of the early history of this church. And of its later history, there has been found a record of only ten or twelve years, from and after the year 1833. The list of circuit preachers was obtained from the records of the Genesee Conference.

Mrs. Hovey says, that in 1808 or 1809, Rev. Mr. Ness, (probably Van Nest,) an itinerant missionary, formed a class in the south part of the town, among the members of which were Solomon Morris, Sen., and John Morris and their wives, and others. About a year afterwards, John Kimberlin, from Baltimore Conference, formed a class in the north part of the town, of which Mrs. Josiah Hovey, Sen., Simeon Hovey and Josiah Hovey, Jun., and their wives, and several others, were members. A year or two afterwards, Anson A. Perkins and his wife, and after another year or two, Elam Perkins and his wife, Lyman Parker and others united. She thinks the first regular preachers on this circuit were Loring Grant and Marmaduke Pierce, each preaching once in four weeks, thus giving the people a preacher once in two weeks. The extent of the circuit was such as required about a month's time to compass it. Elder Grant's circuit was about three hundred miles round, extending from some place in Pennsylvania into Canada. Mrs. Grant, also on horseback, sometimes accompanied him as co-laborer. Her horse was a gift from her father.





*Elam Purkins.*

The sketch by Josiah Hovey gives some additional facts, but does not conflict with the statements of Mrs. Hovey. He says: "The first Methodist preachers in Warsaw were Cyrus Story, Joseph Gatchell, and James Mitchell, as early as 1805 or 1806, and before a church was organized. In 1809, Wm. Brown and John Kimberlin organized a Methodist society; and I believe my brother Simeon was the first class-leader appointed under that organization. Shortly after, myself and Shubael Morris were appointed class-leaders, and held our meetings at my house in the north part, and at the house of Solomon Morris, Sen., in the south part of the town."

Mr. Hovey mentions the following as among the early members of the church: Josiah Hovey, Jun., Simeon Hovey, John Morris, Shubael Morris, Elam Perkins, Anson A. Perkins, Solomon Morris, Sen., Carl W. Flower, Simeon Gibson, and the wives of all of them; the wife of Josiah Hovey, Sen., Moses Perkins, Joseph Miller, Lyman Parker, and the wives of Nehemiah Park, Simeon R. Glazier, and Daniel Knapp. He presumed there were others, whose names he did not recollect. As the Perkinses did not come into the town until some years after the year in which the church or society is said to have been organized, they, though "early members," could not have been among the *earliest*.

The Methodist *Society* was not legally organized until about the year 1820, at the time of the proclamation of Paul Busti, general agent of the Holland Land Company, announcing that in every township, six miles square, with a legally organized church and society, such society should be entitled to one hundred acres of land. "The First Methodist Episcopal Society of Warsaw" was accordingly organized in compliance with the requirements of the act of the legislature; and the papers were recorded in the office of the County Clerk. Union Society, formed by the Presbyterian church and congregation, had been organized in 1812; and the land was divided equally between the two societies.

The first Trustees of the Methodist Society were, Simeon Hovey, Chester Hurd, John Morris, Anson A. Perkins, Nathan B. Miller, Lyman Parker, Josiah Hovey, Roderick Chapin, Jun., Eleazar Smith.

The first Methodist house of worship was built in 1824, at the corners three-fourths of a mile north of the center of the village, on the south corner. Chester Hurd was the architect. In 1835, it was removed to the place where the present house stands. And in 1853, to make room for a new and larger one, it was sold to Rev. J. W. Hines, and by him removed to the south side of Buffalo street, near the bridge, to be fitted up for dwellings. It was sold by him to George W. Morris, by whose heirs it is still owned. The new church, which was completed in 1854, was, in 1868, thoroughly repainted outside, and tastily frescoed and otherwise improved inside, at an expense of about \$1,300. It is now probably the largest and best framed church edifice in the county.

We present here the views of the churches in this District concerning certain subjects which have at times been introduced in the Quarterly Conference:

At a Quarterly Meeting Conference for the Warsaw and Wyoming District, held at Wyoming, December 17, 1836, the following resolutions were adopted:

*“Whereas*, Alcohol is a poison, and is always injurious to persons in health; and *whereas*, it is the fruitful source of crime, disease, and death; therefore,

*“Resolved*, 1. That, in the judgment of this Conference, to manufacture, vend, or use the article, except for mechanical or medicinal purposes, is immoral.

“2. That, since such is the nature of the traffic in and use of ardent spirits, and since its direful effects are so numerous and so great, extending to life, death, and eternity, we, the members of this Conference, feel ourselves called upon by the high impositions of patriotism, humanity, and religion, to give our precept and example against its manufacture and use as a beverage; and we feel ourselves further called upon to use



all lawful means to bring its manufacture and sale into disgrace and disuse.

"3. That a copy of the above resolutions be sent by Rev. M. Seager to the editor of the Christian Advocate for insertion.

"LEVI MASON,

"Secretary."

At a Quarterly Meeting Conference held at Warsaw, July 12th, 1845, the following resolutions were adopted:

"1. *Resolved*, By the members of the Quarterly Conference of Warsaw Station, that the connection of church members and ministers with secret societies or associations, is incompatible with their Christian and ministerial relations and duties.

"2. *Resolved*, That we seriously regret that any of our traveling preachers have become members of the society of Odd Fellows.

"3. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the presiding elder of this District to present a copy of the above resolutions to the ensuing Genesee Annual Conference.

"R. JACKSON,

"Secretary."

At the same place, October, 1845, the Conference adopted the following resolutions on the subject of Missions:

"*Resolved*, That there be a committee of five on missions, and that A. H. Tilton, Hiron J. Reddish, George Snyder, James Gilmore, and Lyman Parker, be said committee.

"*Resolved*, That we deem it our duty to engage, at the earliest convenience, in the work of forming a Missionary Society, and carrying out the design of the Discipline on the subject of Missions."

At the Quarterly Meeting Conference of Warsaw charge and station, July 22, 1848, the subject of Odd Fellowship was again acted upon, and resolutions were adopted, of which the material part is as follows:

Whereas, we believe that secret societies are contrary to the gospel, the practice, and the teaching of our Savior, that they have a tendency, or may be used, to subvert government, and that it betrays a want of Christian fidelity and of a firm reliance upon the promises of God in the members of the church who unite themselves to such societies; and whereas, many of our brethren in the ministry belonging to the Genesee Conference have united with the Society of Odd Fellows, and have not heeded the resolution of Conference advising them to withdraw and not become members of said society, and our presiding elder, by his own confession, retains his membership in that society, thereby giving his influence to the societies of Odd Fellows; and although he stated that he did not meet with them, and did not know anything about their proceedings, but belonged to them only to secure a fund that might be available in time of want; yet, believing that the reason here urged is insufficient when it comes in contact with the gospel ministry; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request our presiding elder to withdraw from the society of Odd Fellows.

Upon what other subjects than those mentioned the Quarterly Conference has taken action, we have no means of knowing, for the reason already stated, the absence of later records of the society.

After a long and unceasing effort to procure a list of preachers and presiding elders in the District and Circuit to which this church has belonged, and after this sketch had been written, we have obtained such list, furnished by Rev. Carlos Gould, of Parma Centre, and Rev. S. Hunt, now preacher at Batavia. Mr. Gould is son-in-law of the late Simeon Hovey, of this town. His letter supplies some omissions in the account of the early history of the society, given from recollection by Mrs. Simeon Hovey and Josiah Hovey, and corrects some slight errors. He writes as follows:

“I have the bound ‘Minutes’ of all the Conferences from the first, (held in 1773, 10 preachers, and 1160 members in

all,) till 1857; so that I can give you all the information that can be gathered from the Minutes; but as there was no Genesee Conference till 1810, or no Warsaw Circuit or Station till 1827, I have, with the help of my wife, (who remembers all the Warsaw preachers since 1810,) gleaned the names of all the presiding elders and preachers as correctly as possible.

"The first and only appointment in this state west of the Genesee river, was, in 1807, in Philadelphia Conference, Genesee District, J. Jewell Presiding Elder; Holland Purchase Circuit, P. Van Nest and A. Jenks, Missionaries. Doubtless these were the first regular Conference preachers in Warsaw.

"I now give you a list of all the Districts, which are frequently changed; all the Circuits, which are more frequently changed; all the Presiding Elders and Pastors, till 1850."

\* \* The names in the following list are the names of Preachers in Warsaw in the Circuits mentioned. Presiding Elders of the Districts are distinguished by the initials, P. E.

- 1808. Warsaw was in Susquehanna District, of which James Herron was Presiding Elder. In Holland Purchase Circuit, George Lane was Missionary; in Caledonia Circuit, Thomas Elliott, Missionary. Although there was in 1812 a change of District, Mr. Draper was retained as Presiding Elder until 1815.
- 1809. Holland Purchase and Caledonia Circuit, James Mitchell and Joseph Gatchell, Pastors. These are believed to have been the first regular preachers in this Circuit.
- 1810. GENESEE CONFERENCE was formed this year. Holland Purchase Circuit; only appointment west of Genesee river, John Kimberlin, William Brown, Preachers.
- 1811. Loring Grant, Elijah Metcalf.
- 1812. *Genesee District*, Caledonia Circuit, Renaldo Everts.
- 1813. Elijah King, Ebenezer Doolittle.
- 1814. William Brown, Elijah Warren.
- 1815. James H. Harris.
- 1816. Jonathan Huestis, P. E. Caledonia Circuit, Robert Menshall, Thomas McGee.
- 1817. Eden Circuit, James Hall.
- 1818. Clarence Circuit, Aurora Seager, Jetar Foster.
- 1819. Gideon Draper, P. E. Ava Williams.
- 1820. Batavia Circuit, James Hall, Zachariah Paddock.
- 1821. James Gilmore, Jasper Bennett.

- 1822. Goodwin Stoddard, P. E. John Arnold, Asa Orcutt.
- 1823. Asa Orcutt, John Beggarly.
- 1824. Andrew Prindle, J. B. Roach.
- 1825. *Buffalo District*, Loring Grant, P. E. Benajah Williams, Andrew Prindle.
- 1826. Benajah Williams, Asa Abell, Jonathan Huestis.
- 1827. Warsaw Circuit, (formed this year,) Morgan Sherman, Robert Parker.
- 1828. Warsaw and Batavia Circuit, Glezen Fillmore, Micah Seager, Chester N. Adgate. [G. Fillmore, it is believed, was stationed at Batavia, and did not preach at Warsaw.]
- 1829. Asa Abell, P. E. Warsaw Circuit, John Cosart, Joseph Atwood.
- 1830. Hiram May, Joseph Atwood.
- 1831. Mifflin Harker, George Wilkinson.
- 1832. *Genesee District*, again, Mifflin Harker, Sheldon Doolittle.
- 1833. Sheldon Doolittle, Merritt Preston.
- 1834, 1835. Reeder Smith.
- 1836. Warsaw and Wyoming Circuit, Micah Seager, P. E. Richard Wright, E. O. Hall.
- 1837. Warsaw Circuit, Richard Wright.
- 1838. John B. Alverson, P. E. James Hall.
- 1839. Hiram May.
- 1840. Nelson Hoag.
- 1841. Salmon Judd.
- 1842. John Copeland, P. E. Salmon Judd.
- 1843. Israel Chamberlayne, P. E. Chauncey S. Baker.
- 1844. Joseph Pearsall.
- 1845. John B. Jenkins.
- 1846. *Buffalo District*, Samuel C. Church, P. E. John B. Jenkins.
- 1847. Charles D. Burlingham.
- 1848. John B. Alverson, P. E. David Nichols.
- 1849, 1850. Thomas Carleton, P. E. King David Nettleton.
- 1851. Philo E. Brown, P. E. J. W. Hines.
- 1852. *Wyoming District*, P. E. Brown, P. E. J. W. Hines.
- 1853. Zenas Hurd.
- 1854. Richard L. Wait. P. E. B. F. McNeil.
- 1855. Griffin Smith.
- 1856, 1857. William C. Willing.
- 1858. Sumner C. Smith.
- 1859, 1860. Allen P. Ripley, P. E. E. M. Buck.
- 1861. Schuyler Parker.
- 1862. E. E. Chambers, P. E. Schuyler Parker.
- 1863, 1864. J. H. Bayliss.
- 1865. G. De La Matyr, P. E. Rollin C. Welch.
- 1866. H. H. Lyman.
- 1867. M. H. Rice.
- 1868. O. S. Chamberlayne.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE people of this religious organization, like the Congregationalists, have had the misfortune to lose the greater portion of their records. The portion lost covers nearly the entire period of the church's existence. Consequently our history of it must necessarily be brief and imperfect. The facts given are chiefly gathered from a "History of the First Baptist Church of Warsaw," by its late pastor, Rev. Abner Morrill, presented at the annual session of the Genesee Baptist Association, held at Wyoming in June, 1867.

The members of this church, at the time of its formation, resided chiefly in the south and south-eastern part of the town. Very naturally, therefore, that place was for several years the center of the society and the place for holding its meetings for worship, which were held much of the time in John Truesdell's barn. The first convert in town among the Baptists, Mr. Amos Keeney says, was Hannah Stearns, a daughter of Sterling Stearns, and afterwards the wife of Jacob Hurd, brother Chester Hurd.

The first preacher mentioned in the sketch before us, is Elder Irish, a missionary, who visited these people in 1810, and on the 25th of November, organized a church of fourteen members. A list of the names of the first members, obtained from another source, makes the number eighteen, as follows: Joseph Porter and wife, Josiah Boardman and wife and daughter, Noah Wiseman, John Truesdell, Levi Stearns, Hannah Stearns, John Brown, Wm. Brown, Miriam Brown, Levi Rice, Hannah Rice, Jeremiah Truesdell, Elijah Hammond, Rhoda Reed, Joanna Beardsley. A Baptist church having been formed in Middlebury, then a part of Warsaw, this church was called the "Second Baptist Church of Warsaw." After the town of Middlebury had been formed into a separate town, this church was called the "First Baptist



Church of Warsaw.” The first Deacon of the church was Joseph Porter, chosen in April, 1811.

The church soon received large accessions to its membership; and in the autumn of 1811, Elder Jeremiah Irons was engaged to preach one-quarter of the time for one year. After him, Elder David Hurlburt served the church one year, and was succeeded by Elder Jabez Boomer, who was the first settled pastor of the church. He was ordained August 19th, 1816, and labored acceptably for several years. The next year (1817,) a house of worship was erected in the village, principally by the joint efforts of the Baptists and Presbyterians. It was only inclosed, however, and could be occupied only in the summer season. In March, 1819, the Baptists sold out their interest to the Presbyterians, by whom it was finished in the spring of 1821.

In 1818, the Rev. William Pattison became pastor of the church, and served several years. During his pastorate, the number of members, which had been greatly reduced was largely increased. Among the members added was Robert E. Pattison, son of the minister, who has since become highly distinguished as a scholar and a preacher. After Elder Pattison had closed his labors, Rev. Leonard Anson supplied the church a short time, and was followed by Rev. Anson Tuthill, who labored with the church a number of years.

In 1827, Rev. David Bernard became pastor, and continued three years. A large number of members were dismissed this year to form the church in Gainesville. We give from Elder Morrill's sketch, the following extract, verbatim:

“During the pastorate of Elder Bernard, the church dedicated its first house of worship, which they occupied twenty years. Previous to this, the church had worshiped in barns and in school-houses. Here were achieved some of the most glorious victories of Divine grace recorded in its history; and the memories of these humble sanctuaries of the Lord are cherished by many hallowed associations.





*David Fargey.*

*Sketch, p. 258*

"During his pastorate, too, the church was greatly agitated by the Masonic troubles, with which many of the churches in this region were disturbed. The difficulty, however, was finally settled by the adoption of the article on Free-Masonry inserted in the Minutes of the Genesee Association for 1828.

"In 1828, the church having withdrawn from the Holland Purchase Association, united with the Genesee.

On the 9th of June, 1828, members of the Baptist church and congregation met for the purpose of effecting a legal organization. They accordingly organized under the name of "The Baptist Church and Society of Warsaw." Rev. David Bernard and Deacon Samuel Salisbury were chosen as presiding and returning officers of said meeting. The Trustees elected were David Fargo, Samuel Salisbury, and Seth Higgins. The proceedings were duly recorded in the County Clerk's office, July 7, 1828.

"In 1830, Rev. Peter Freeman became pastor of the church, and sustained this relation three years. His was a useful and successful pastorate. The Lord greatly blessed his labors." To this we add:

He was not only "useful and successful" as a pastor; but he was diligent in every good work. His coadjutors in the cause of temperance especially, can not have forgotten his self-denying efforts during the very inclement winter of 1831-2, when, in pairs they visited the school districts in this town and the towns adjacent, to advocate the cause and present the pledge. He was preëminently a Christian and philanthropist, never "weary in well doing." He ceased from his earthly labors a few years since, and has entered into the "saints' everlasting rest."

From 1833 to 1837, Rev. Abraham Ennis served the church faithfully and successfully. He was succeeded by Rev. G. V. Walling, who served one year. In 1838, Rev. Joseph Elliott became pastor and served two years. He was succeeded by Rev. B. Wilcox.

From 1841 to 1845, Rev. H. K. Stimson was pastor. It was during this time that Hon. James R. Doolittle became a member of this church.

The church, as the Methodists had done, had found their mistake in building their house of worship too remote from the center of the population, it being half a mile south of the village, near the old cemetery. This, together with the fact that they needed a more commodious house, induced them to sell the old one, which had been occupied about twenty years, and build a new one in the village, being the one now occupied. The former was taken down and removed to the village in pieces, which were worked into a dwelling which stands near the Methodist church.

In 1845, Rev. J. L. Richmond became pastor, and served three years. In 1848, Rev. A. C. Barrell commenced his labors as pastor, and remained two years. He was followed by the Rev. H. Leavenworth, who served one year. The next two years the church had no pastor, but was supplied a part of the time by Mr. W. C. Hubbard, a candidate for the ministry. In 1853, Rev. Philander Shedd became pastor, and labored two years. He was succeeded by Rev. H. Smith, whose pastorate continued two years.

During the years 1857 and 1858, Rev. William Cormac was pastor. In 1859 the church had no pastor. During this year, the church was again agitated on the subject of secret societies; but the difficulty was amicably adjusted by repealing the resolution relating to secret societies passed in 1828, and adopting another more conciliating in its expressions. Rev. H. K. Stimson served the church a second time in 1860, and soon after, as Captain of a company of Cavalry, joined the army of the Union in the late civil war.

During the next four years, Rev. J. B. Pitman and Rev. J. Hough served as pastors. After these Rev. W. I. Crane supplied the church one year. In December, 1865, Rev. Abner Morrill became pastor, and remained until November, 1867.



Those who have held the office of Deacon in this church, are as follows: Joseph Porter, Elijah Hammond, William Wiseman, Jonathan F. Hibbard, Samuel Salisbury, Abial Lathrop, David Fargo, Broughton W. Crane, John Starks, Samuel L. Keeney, Simeon Holton. Mr. Crane and Mr. Holton still hold the office.

The following are the names of those who have served as Clerks: Elijah Hammond, Noah Wiseman, Hezekiah Scovel, Edwin L. Fuller, Ransom B. Crippen, Samuel L. Kinney, Jeremiah Watts, Wilber G. Bentley, Simeon Holton, Albert W. Palmer, the present Clerk.

## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

THIS church was organized February 16, 1840. Those who were instrumental in its organization had, with one or two exceptions, been connected with the Presbyterian church in this place, and requested letters for the purpose of constituting a new church. The request was presented in a written statement of their views and motives; in which they said: "We believe that by withdrawing from our present connection, and uniting under a system consonant with our views of duty, we shall be able to do far more to promote the interests of religion than now; and not only so, but our brethren and sisters who differ from us, will be free to pursue those plans of usefulness, without let or hindrance from us, which their own views of duty may dictate." This statement and request was dated Jan. 27, 1840, and signed by thirty-nine individuals, of whom thirty-four met on Sabbath, February 16th, when the church was duly constituted by Rev. Samuel Griswold. Soon after, twenty-two others were added; so that, at the end of the year, the church consisted of fifty-six members.

In the "Constitution and Rules" of this church, are the following:

"No person shall be admitted to membership in this church, who does not wholly refrain from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage, or who in any way gives countenance or support to the manufacture or traffic in such drinks for that purpose.

"No person shall be admitted to this church, who is a slaveholder, or holds security in slaves as property, or traffics in the persons of men."

The views of the church on the subject of slavery, are more fully stated in a "Declaration of Sentiments," adopted March 6, 1841, as follows:

"1. We believe slavery to be a most flagrant sin against God, and that, like every other sin, it should be immediately forsaken.

"2. As the slaveholder's right originates in usurpation, and is continued only by force, so he can not sell or delegate to another any authority over the slave; and every person who, under pretence of purchase, hire, or appointment, shall exercise the authority of a master over a slave, does thereby become a partaker in the slaveholder's sin.

"3. We believe that, should we invite slaveholders to preach to us, or commune with us, or in any way recognize them as Christians, while they refuse to confess and forsake their sin of slaveholding, we should, in so doing, make ourselves partakers in their iniquity.

"4. We believe that those who justify or apologize for slavery, whether as a settled system, or for a limited time, to terminate by a system of gradual abolition, do thereby comfort and defend a system most abominable to God and holy men.

"5. We believe it is inconsistent with a good conscience and the word of God, which says, He 'hateth robbery for sacrifice,' to mingle our religious contributions with those societies that send their agents among slaveholders, to solicit contributions, or who knowingly receive into their treasury such contributions."

The first house of worship occupied by this church was a small building known as the "Baptist Vestry Room," standing over the mill-race on the south side of Buffalo street, on the lot now owned and occupied by Nehemiah Park, and which had also been occupied as a school-house. They immediately purchased the lot on which their brick church now stands, and commenced the building of a meeting-house. In the fall of 1840, they were able to hold meetings in the lecture room attached to the church edifice. The building was completed early the next year. Its dimensions were 36 by 45 feet; the cost of house and lot a little less than \$3,000.

On the 13th of January, 1841, it was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God. Rev. Mr. Ward, of Bergen, Genesee county, preached the dedication sermon. Five years thereafter it was enlarged by the removal of the east end, and the insertion of sixteen new slips: Some years later, it was again similarly enlarged by putting in twenty-eight new slips, doubling the original number of sittings.

In 1852, an organ was put in the house. In 1855, its interior was remodeled by transferring the pulpit from the west to the east end of the building, reversing the slips, and making other important alterations.

On the 3d of March, 1855, the propriety of members of the church belonging to Secret Societies, was brought up for consideration in a church meeting. The subject, after considerable discussion, was referred to a committee, consisting of Seth M. Gates, Charles J. Judd, Amos M. Barnett, N. T. Yeomans, and Joshua H. Darling. The committee, May 5, 1855, reported a series of resolutions, declaring it improper for members of Christian churches to belong to secret oath bound societies, to continue in fellowship with their members, and attend their meetings. The resolutions, after full discussion, were unanimously adopted by the church, and placed on file with the church clerk, Mr. Gates. In 1860, his office was forcibly entered in the night, and these resolutions, with the church record, stolen therefrom.

At the annual meeting of the Society, Feb. 16, 1866, the Trustees reported that they were unable to furnish seats for all who desired them; and a special meeting was called, to be held on the 26th of the same month, to consider the propriety of building a new meeting-house; at which meeting it was resolved to build; and a building committee was appointed, consisting of the following named persons: Artemas Blake, Joshua H. Darling, Lloyd A. Hayward, Wolcott J. Humphrey, William D. Miner, Simeon D. Lewis, Lewis E. Walker, and Elisha S. Hillman. The old church was sold to Dr. Ethan E. Bartlett, the Society reserving the privilege of occupying it







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until the new church should be completed. The old bell and organ were sold to other parties.

The corner stone of the new church edifice was laid, with appropriate services, by Rev. Edwin E. Williams, the pastor, on the 6th of July, 1866; sermon by Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Lockport. A brief history of the church and its labors in building and enlarging its house of worship, with a description of the new house to be built, was read by Seth M. Gates, Esq., the Church Clerk. The following articles, in a sealed tin box, were deposited in the corner stone:

A list of the names of the Pastor and officers of the church.

Names of the Building Committee.

Name of the Architect.

Names of the Master Mason and the Builder.

The Roll of the Sunday School.

A copy of the subscription for building the church.

A sketch of the History of the church.

A copy of the Report of the church's celebration of its quarter-centennial anniversary, February 16, 1865.

The architect who finished the plan of the building was Mr. A. J. Warner, of Rochester. The style of architecture is mainly Norman. It has two towers of unequal height in front; the highest of which, to its extreme point, is  $64\frac{1}{2}$  feet. The dimensions of the main building are 94 by 58 feet. The audience room is 77 by 55, exclusive of the orchestra, and contains 128 slips, seating 660 persons; the walls and towers are of brick. The mason work was done by Ambrose J. Armstrong, of Warsaw; the wood work by V. Hodge & Son, of Buffalo. A new organ, at a cost of about \$2,000, was given by Joshua H. Darling, Esq. The house was completed without a serious accident. It was dedicated, free from debt, by the pastor, Mr. Williams, August 7, 1867; sermon by Rev. Dr. Vermilye, of Hartford, Conn.

The first pastor of this church was Rev. Huntington Lyman. He was succeeded by Rev. Lyman P. Judson, who was fol-

lowed by Rev. Reuben H. Conklin, since deceased. Next, Rev. P. H. Myers, whose health soon failed, and he was called to his rest. He was followed by Rev. Corban Kidder. Rev. N. T. Yeomans ministered to the church at various times as stated supply. The Rev. Zachary Eddy, now of Brooklyn, N. Y., was pastor for several years; next, Rev. John Vincent; and since 1857, the present pastor, Rev. Edwin E. Williams.

Those who have been Deacons in the church are, Ezra Walker, Peter Young, Hanover Bradley, Charles J. Judd, Lloyd A. Hayward, Stephen Hurd, Edward C. Shattuck, John Matthews, and Elisha S. Hillman.

F. C. D. McKay, Charles J. Judd, and Seth M. Gates, have been Church Clerks.

The first superintendent of the Sabbath-school was F. C. D. McKay, who held the position for three or four years. Charles J. Judd was superintendent one year, and Lloyd A. Hayward one year. Seth M. Gates was superintendent fourteen years, and resigned January, 1864. He was succeeded by Simeon D. Lewis, the present superintendent.

There have been in all, five hundred and twenty members of this church. About half of that number having died or been regularly dismissed to the fellowship of other churches, the present number is two hundred and fifty.

#### THE QUARTER CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

of the organization was celebrated on the 16th of February, 1865. The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Rev. Edwin E. Williams, and thirteen others. A Committee of Invitation was also appointed, consisting of Joshua H. Darling, Seth M. Gates, Peter Young, and Lloyd A. Hayward. A letter of invitation was sent to all former pastors and members of the church; to all absent members; to pastors of Congregational churches in the county; to the pastors of all the churches in the village, and others.

At half past ten o'clock on the day appointed, a large audience assembled at the church. The exercises were com-

menced by singing the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," by the choir and congregation; followed by an invocation by the pastor, closing with the Lord's Prayer, in which the congregation audibly joined. The choir sang the anthem, "When the Lord shall build up Zion." Rev. Mr. Nassau, of the Presbyterian church in this village, read the Scriptures; and Rev. N. T. Yeomans, of Fowlerville, formerly a member of this church and its stated supply, offered prayer; and Rev. Mr. Blake, of the Methodist Episcopal church in Gainesville, read the first Hymn.

Rev. Mr. Williams, the pastor of the church, then proceeded to deliver the discourse prepared for the occasion; the text of which was, Deut. i, 31: "Thou hast seen how the Lord thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place."

After the sermon, the pastor announced Seth M. Gates, Esq., as Chairman of the meeting, and called for the reading of a letter from Rev. R. H. Conklin, a former pastor of the church, who was sick, and apparently near his end, in the city of Detroit. As the letter closed with a request for the prayers of the church, Rev. Mr. Kidder being called on by the Chairman, led the congregation in prayer for Mr. Conklin. After singing, the morning exercises closed by the Benediction by Rev. Mr. Blake.

At two o'clock P. M., the meeting was again organized, and Messrs. E. E. Farman and Wm. H. Merrill were appointed Secretaries.

The Chairman briefly addressed the meeting, reviewing the progress of the world during the past twenty-five years, in the arts and sciences, in civil liberty, the spread of the gospel, and particularly in the deliverance of the oppressed, the overthrow of slavery, and the practical recognition of human rights, closing with a fraternal welcome, in behalf of the church, to all former members and pastors who had returned to mingle in these scenes of reünion and these commemorative exercises.

Brief addresses were then made by Rev. Mr. Kidder, and by Rev. George W. Walker, formerly a member of this church, now a minister of a church in Ohio; and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Crane, of the Baptist church in this village. Addresses were then made by Francis F. Fargo, formerly a member and a chorister of this church, and for many years past a resident of San Francisco, Cal.; by Rev. Mr. Yeomans, Rev. Mr. Cunningham, pastor of the Congregational church of Gainesville; Rev. Mr. Nassau, of the Presbyterian church, of this village; Hugh T. Brooks, Esq., of Pearl Creek, and by Professor N. F. Wright, of Batavia, formerly a member of this church and of the choir, and a teacher in the Sabbath school.

Letters in reply to invitations to be present, were read, from Rev. James A. McKay, of Michigan, and Dr. N. D. Stebbins, of Detroit, former members; and the closing address was by Rev. Mr. Lord, of Perry Center. All then united in singing the hymn,

“Lo what a glorious sight appears,” &c.

In the evening, the commemoration was concluded by a social reünion at the house of the pastor, on which occasion letters responsive to invitations were read from Mr. Arden Woodruff, Rev. Huntington Lyman, and many others, former members of the church.



## EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

OF the religious societies and church organizations in Warsaw, the one latest formed, except the Free Will Baptist in the south-east part of the town, is the Episcopal. The "Parish of Trinity Church," was organized May 12, 1852. The germ of this organization, however, was planted at a much earlier date; and its friends had been for many years favored, for short periods, with the services of ministers of their own order. From a "History of the Church of Warsaw, compiled from Official Documents, 1854, by the Rev. Robert Horwood," the following sketch has been prepared:

The Rev. Richard Salmon, missionary at Geneseo, in his report to the New York Convention of 1826, wrote that he was engaged for the ensuing year conditionally to preach at Wethersfield and Warsaw alternately, for one-half the time. To the Convention of 1828, he reports, that he had moved to Warsaw, the center of the station; that he had here given nineteen Sundays and thirty-two lectures; that the service was performed with great zeal and propriety; and that several additions had been made to the communicants. In September, 1828, Bishop Hobart confirmed six persons.

In 1829, Rev. Mr. Salmon, who appears to have moved to Medina, reports to the Convention, that the congregation at Warsaw, and also those at Wethersfield and Sheldon, notwithstanding their destitute circumstances during the past year, are evidently flourishing; and the labors of a missionary would unquestionably be greatly blessed. He wrote also that the Sabbath-school at Warsaw, formed during his location there, of about twenty-five scholars, had been increased to an average attendance of between eighty and ninety.

Rev. Mr. Salmon, again missionary at Warsaw, reports to the Convention of 1831, that during the thirteen months past, he had officiated half the time at Warsaw, quarter at Sheldon,

and quarter at Wethersfield; and occasionally on Sunday evenings and on week days at Wyoming. And Bishop Onderdonk, in Aug., 1832, baptized one adult, and confirmed eleven.

Rev. Alexander Fraser, missionary at Warsaw, reports to the Convention of 1834: "When I came to Warsaw, I found it to be the day of small and feeble things indeed. \* \* \* I have labored the greater part of the time at Warsaw. The congregations are good, and the prospects of the church are more pleasing than at any former period." To the Convention of 1835, Rev. Isaac Garvin reports that he had labored at Warsaw half the time, and divided the rest between Wethersfield and Aurora.

The Rev. Henry Tullidge, missionary at Wethersfield, reports to the Convention of 1839: "I have occasionally preached a third service at Warsaw. I have preached at Warsaw several times in the Methodist and Presbyterian houses to very respectable congregations. \* \* \* I am not without hope that the church may again be revived there. There are still remaining some who love the church, and would do all in their power for its support. In 1843, Bishop De Lancy preached one Sabbath in the Baptist house of worship, and baptized one child.

We come now to the organization of the Society under its present title.

On the 12th of May, 1852, in pursuance of a notice previously given on two successive Sabbaths, the following named persons incorporated themselves under the act of the legislature, as a religious society, to be known in law by the name and title of "The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Trinity Church in the Town of Warsaw in the County of Wyoming." John A. McElwain, John G. Meachem, Noble Morris, Ransom S. Watson, Nehemiah Park, Jun., Richard M. Tunks, Alonzo W. Wood, Charles W. Bailey.

The Rev. A. D. Benedict, Rector of the church and congregation, was called to the Chair; and Charles W. Bailey was appointed Secretary.

The meeting then proceeded to elect two Church Wardens and eight Vestrymen. John A. McElwain and John G. Meachem were elected Church Wardens; and Alonzo W. Wood, Nehemiah Park, Jun., Linus W. Thayer, Noble Morris, Ransom S. Watson, Charles W. Bailey, Richard M. Tunks, and Abel Webster, were elected Church Vestrymen.

A certificate of incorporation having been prepared, it was signed by the officers of the meeting, and caused to be recorded.

In June, 1853, at a meeting of the Vestry, it was voted that a lot be purchased for a house of worship; and a building committee was appointed, consisting of John G. Meachem, N. Park, and A. W. Wood. And on the 25th of May, 1854, the building was in due form consecrated "to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, by the name of Trinity Church."

In March, 1864, by the will of the late Mrs. Laura S. Watson, the church came into possession of a house and lot, to be held as a parsonage, "so long as the church shall remain an organized body, and shall have a regularly established rector or clergyman therein."

Since the date of the present organization, Rev. A. D. Benedict had the pastoral charge of the church, from May 12, 1852, until April, 1855.

Rev. Wm. White Montgomery became rector June 8, 1856, and resigned April 3, 1858.

Rev. Thomas Applegate became rector June 1, 1858, and resigned June 1, 1859.

Rev. Wm. O. Gorham became rector December 25, 1859, and resigned July, 1862.

Rev. Noble Palmer became rector November, 1862, and resigned October, 1863.

Rev. Robert Horwood was called October 10, 1863, to supply the parish for one year. In October, 1864, the call was renewed for another year. He resigned, June, 1865.

Rev. John V. Stryker became rector March 1, 1866, and continues in charge.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH.

THERE is probably no part of this town where the salutary influence of religious institutions has been more signally illustrated, than within the bounds of this society. To this fact, many of the older inhabitants will bear witness. To form a just idea of the change, one must have a knowledge of the character of the neighborhood at an earlier period. A candid and worthy citizen, who has resided there from childhood, a period of more than fifty years, has furnished us a brief history of that part of the town, including an account of the formation of the church. We copy from his letter the following:

“The morals of this settlement were rather lax; little regard was paid to the demands of religion at that early day. The Sabbaths were spent in various ways. Some worked, some fished or hunted; others visited or strolled about the woods or fields. Yet the people were generally upright and honest in their dealings with each other. Almost all the settlers were fond of whisky, which was considered at that time a necessary article by all classes of people; and I have thought the Scripture declaration, ‘I will visit the iniquities of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations,’ has been strikingly fulfilled among us.” We add here a fact from personal knowledge. In a school district near the corner of the town, a Sabbath school was established in the summer of 1832, and manned by teachers from the village. After a few weeks’ peaceable occupation of the school-house, a few rowdy young men, encouraged by their seniors, disturbed the exercises of the school for several Sabbaths, and succeeded in breaking it up.

Our friend continues: “There has, however, been a great improvement since then. The first settlers in this part of the town are all gone. Some have moved away, but most of

them lie in the grave-yard on lot No. 2. Of the names of the early inhabitants, but one remains—that of two Warner brothers.

“Religion has shed its saving influence upon this neighborhood. The little Free-Will Baptist church, organized in 1833, has proved a savor of life unto life to many. The number of members at its organization was *four*. During the year 1834, there was a revival, and some thirty were added. Elder H. Jenkins was the officiating minister at that time, and may well be called its father. Emery D. Albro and Alden Keith were chosen deacons.

“October 13, 1834, the sum of \$457 were obtained on subscription to build a meeting-house. The timber was got out, and the frame put up, by volunteer labor, superintended by Dea. Albro and other leading spirits of the church. The house was then let to John Blighton to finish, which was done in 1835, and was dedicated to the Lord the same season. Elder H. N. Plumb preached on the occasion. Dea. Albro was truly a ‘nursing father’ to the church. Elder Jared Miner and William Moses preached to the church until 1836, when Elder Reed became its pastor. Elder Hiram Whiteher succeeded him in 1837, and held the pastorate two years. He was succeeded by Elder H. N. Plumb, who preached one year, and was succeeded by Silas H. Davis. Elder William Moses became pastor in 1843, and served as such two years, and was succeeded by Elder A. Hopkins, who preached two years, and was followed by H. M. Abbey, who preached one year, half the time. In 1849, Elder Luke Hitchcock accepted a call from the church, and was its pastor two years. After him, Elder H. H. Strickland was pastor one year, and then Elder S. R. Evans the next two years. In the fall of 1857, he was succeeded by Elder Levi Kellogg, who labored two years, and then Elder H. N. Plumb one year, who was succeeded April 1, 1861, by Elder W. W. Holt, who was pastor two years, and then Elder Rollins one year. Elder J. C. Steele became pastor in 1865, and remained two years.



"The amount of salary paid has ranged from \$100 to \$500 a year.

"This church has ever been against Slavery; and has upon its records some very strong resolutions against it. It has been equally decided in favor of Temperance. It has contributed considerable for benevolent purposes. A few years ago, several of its members gave as high as \$100 each to help endow a college at Hillsdale, Mich., and in 1867, it raised \$330 to aid in establishing a Normal School at Harper's Ferry, to educate teachers to instruct the people without regard to color, in the Southern States."

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Besides the churches whose histories we have sketched, there is a church organization composed chiefly or wholly of Germans, residing in the west part of this town, and in Orangeville. It is of recent date, and in character Protestant; but its distinctive name we have not learned. Their house of worship is in this town, about three-fourths of a mile east of Orangeville.

There was also formed in this village, a few years since, a Catholic Church, whose house of worship is in the north part of the village.





William Buxton

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## GOSPEL LAND.

In the year 1820, it was announced by the Agent of the Holland Land Company. that one hundred acres of land in every town would be given to religious societies. The manner in which this grant of land was obtained is related by Mr. Turner in his History of the Holland Purchase.

In the fall of 1820, Paul Busti, the General Agent of the Company at Philadelphia, while on a visit at Batavia, was importuned by a Presbyterian minister from a neighboring town, for a donation of land to every society of that persuasion then formed on the Holland Purchase. Mr. Busti was for a long time indisposed to grant the request. But the Rev. gentleman having urged his suit until the Agent's patience was exhausted, the latter firmly replied: "Yes, Mr. R., I will give a tract of one hundred acres to a religious society in every town on the Purchase; and this is *finis*." But he was unwilling to give preference to any particular denomination. "But," said he, "to save contention, I will give it to the first religious society in every town." Mr. R., it is said, lost no time in communicating the information to the Presbyterians in the several towns in his vicinity. Mr. Turner proceeds, as follows:

"The land-office was soon flooded with petitions for land from societies organized according to law and empowered to hold real estate, and from those that were not, one of which was presented to Mr. Busti before he left, directed to 'Gen. *Poll* Busti,' on which he insisted, that it could not be from a religious society, for all religious societies read their Bibles, and know that *P o* double *l*, does not spell Paul. Amidst this chaos of applications, it was thought unadvisable to be precipitant in granting these donations, the whole responsibility now resting on Mr. Ellicott to comply with the vague promise of Mr. Busti. Therefore conveyances of the 'gospel

land' were not executed for some space of time, notwithstanding the clamor of petitioners for 'deeds of our land;' during which time the matter was taken into consideration and systematized, so far as such an operation could be. Pains were taken to ascertain the merits of each application; and finally a tract or tracts of land, not exceeding one hundred acres in all, were granted, free of expense, to one or more religious societies regularly organized according to law in each town on the Purchase, where the company had land undisposed of, which embraced every town then organized on the Purchase, except Bethany, Genesee county, and Sheldon, Wyoming county; the donees being in all cases allowed to select out of the unsold farming land in each town. In some towns it was all given to one society; in others, to two or three societies, separately; and in a few towns to four societies of different sects, twenty-five acres to each." And it is said the proceedings were so judiciously managed by Mr. Ellicott, that partiality was in no case charged against the agent or his assistants.

The Union Society, (Presbyterian,) had, at the time of the Agent's proclamation, been the only legally organized society in the town for eight years, and was, it would seem, entitled to the land. We have noticed the incorporation of the Methodist Church and Society. [p. 185.] An old member of that society says, that when the Agent's proclamation appeared, the Methodists hastened to effect their organization and to get their papers on record, to secure the land. Whether the Presbyterians had previously applied for the title, we are not informed; nor do we know how the Agent came to divide the land between the two societies. Having never heard of any dissatisfaction on the part of either society, it is presumed that the division was satisfactory to both societies.



## WAR HISTORY.

## WAR OF 1812.

THE first war for which troops were raised in Warsaw, was the war of 1812, declared by the United States against Great Britain. The difficulty, if not impossibility, of obtaining a complete list of all who enlisted in that war from this town, forbids our going beyond the recollection of some of our old settlers, still living. Dea. Samuel Salisbury, who was in the war, and a non-commissioned officer of a company of Light Infantry, which was called out, and who, after the war, became its Captain, recalls the names of nearly two-thirds of the Company. A few of them—four or five, perhaps—were from that part of the town which is now Gainesville, and one or two from Middlebury. A few also have been named who were of the ununiformed Militia and Cavalry; the latter being commanded by Isaac Wilson, of Middlebury, afterwards Judge Wilson.

## LIGHT INFANTRY.

Russel Noble, Captain,  
 Absalom Green, Lieutenant,  
 John Seymour, Ensign,  
 Chester Warriner, Sergeant,  
 John G. Parker, Sergeant,  
 George Densmore, Sergeant,  
 Alexander Stone, Fifer,  
 Chester Hurd, Drummer,  
 Wm. L. Blanchard, Drummer,  
 Samuel Salisbury,  
 Wm. S. Stone,  
 Alanson Cutting,  
 Nathan Snow,  
 Giles Parker,  
 Philip Salisbury,  
 Robert Burdick,  
 Leverett Hitchcock,  
 Levi Walker,  
 Jeremiah Truesdell,  
 Timothy Truesdell,

— Levi Rice,  
 John R. Knapp,  
 Elijah Hammond,  
 Samuel Spalding,  
 Seymour Ensign,  
 Absalom Carpenter,  
 Edmund Curtis,  
 Almerin Curtis,  
 Timothy Miller,  
 Thomas Stetson,  
 Daniel W. Bannister,  
 Ezra B. Warriner,  
 John Bisby,  
 Isaac Boardman,  
 Levi Stearns,  
 Anson Richards,  
 Lewis Richards,  
 — Green,  
 Solomon Truesdell,  
 — Colegrove.

## MILITIA AND CAVALRY.

Chauncey L. Sheldon, Surgeon,	Simeon Hovey, Teamster,
Daniel Knapp, Adjutant.	Suel Hovey.
Almon Stevens, Serg. Major,	Simeon R. Glazier, Cavalry,
Wm. Knapp, Jun., Quar. Master,	William Bristol, Cavalry,
Josiah Hovey, Captain,	Gurdon Hovey, Cavalry,
Samuel McWhorter,	Julius Whitlock, Cavalry.
Warren Webster,	

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WAR OF THE REBELLION.

No history of Warsaw would be complete without a record of the part borne by her citizens in sustaining the Government in its efforts to preserve the Union by suppressing the Great Rebellion. Pains have been taken to present, as nearly as possible, the names of all who volunteered from this town, together with the dates of their enlistment, time of service, death or discharge, and other facts relating thereto; also a statement of the part taken by our citizens in furnishing volunteers, and an account of the moneys raised by tax in payment of bounties.

The first rebel gun fired at Fort Sumter, on the morning of April 12, 1861, summoned the startled nation to arms. Three days thereafter, President Lincoln issued his Proclamation, in which he called for 75,000 volunteers. A public meeting was immediately called by the prominent citizens of Warsaw, to be held at the Court-House. The following was the call, signed by large numbers of men of all parties:

“PATRIOTS, RALLY! *Our Country is in danger. War is upon us.* Let Wyoming County do her duty. The time has come when all persons, without respect to former political opinions, should unite in a common effort to maintain our national honor and integrity. There will be a meeting at the Court-House in Warsaw, on Tuesday evening, the 23d inst., at 7 P. M., to take into consideration such measures as the

exigencies of the times and a due regard for the preservation of our dearest and cherished institutions demand.”

Such was the patriotic zeal of the young men of the village that, without waiting for the action of the meeting, ten of them went to Buffalo and enlisted in a Regiment there forming. On the evening of the day named for the meeting, the Court House being too small to contain the crowd there assembled, the meeting was adjourned to the Court-House yard. Thirty responded to the call for volunteers, and enrolled their names for service. A Committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the support of the families of volunteers. At the close of the meeting the Committee reported the following contributions:

Augustus Frank, . . \$250	C. & T. Buxton, . . \$200	C. W. Bailey, . . \$ 50
H. L. Comstock, . . 100	B. F. Fargo, . . . 10	E. E. Farman, . . 50
George W. Frank, . . 50	Manlius Gay, . . . 20	R. A. Crippen, . . 20
A. B. Lawrence, . . 50	J. H. Darling, . . . 500	S. C. Allis, . . . 100
George Duryee, . . 50	Amos Otis, . . . 100	B. B. Conable, . . 100
F. & E. B. Miller, . 100	Alonzo Cleveland, . 25	Artemas Blake, . . 150
James A. Webster, . 10	B. F. Homer, . . . 20	Henry Garretsee, . 100
C. C. Gates, . . . 25	Miles H. Morris, . . 25	Hiram Stearns, . . 10
Edmund Buck, . . . 10	O. A. Shaw, . . . 10	Godfrey Gates, . . 10
A. Y. Breck, . . . 25	Benj. Bisby, . . . 10	J. Watts, . . . . 25
Wm. Bingham, . . . 50	L. W. Smith, . . . 25	S. Holton, . . . . 10
E. Cook, . . . . . 25	B. Healy, . . . . . 25	E. C. Shattuck, . . 20
Uriah Johnson, . . 50	J. A. McElwain, . 100	Morris & Lewis, . 100
L. W. Thayer, . . . 100	R. H. Miller, . . . 50	M. L. Rice, . . . . 15
R. R. Munger, . . . 50	N. Park, . . . . . 25	N. J. Perry, . . . . 52
Wm. Woodward, . . 10	James Wilkin, . . . 25	S. A. Murray, . . . 25
Geo. W. Parker, . . 10	C. L. Seaver, . . . 10	H. C. Edgerly, . . 10
Philander Truesdell, 10	E. K. Smith, . . . 10	W. T. Warner, . . 10
Geo. Brown, . . . . 10	S. Benedict, . . . . 15	

When Harwood A. Dudley, publisher of the Wyoming County Mirror, was asked to subscribe, he arose and said he intended to subscribe another paper, which he held in his hand. He read an *enlistment* paper which he immediately signed, he being the first man to enlist. Gideon H. Jenkins followed, and then others, to the number of thirty, in all, as before stated. There was some difficulty in getting orders for

marching. After several days' delay, Mr. Dudley, who had been elected Lieutenant, went to Albany, and obtained orders from the Adjutant-General. He telegraphed Mr. Jenkins, who had been chosen Captain, and who hurried off his men in the short time elsewhere stated.

#### FIRST COMPANY FROM WARSAW.

In less than a week, a full company was raised and organized, with Gideon H. Jenkins as Captain, and Harwood A. Dudley as Lieutenant. Warsaw furnished forty-eight men, and the adjoining towns twenty-nine. The preparations for "marching to the wars," were at once commenced with all the earnestness and enthusiasm that characterized the citizens throughout the country. The ladies of the village met in large numbers to prepare clothing for the volunteers. The company remained anxiously awaiting marching orders for some days, and the following incident from the *Mirror*, of May 22d, illustrates the spirit in which orders were finally received :

"QUICK TIME.—The marching orders for the Warsaw Company reached here by Express about 4 P. M., on Monday. At 5 o'clock Capt. Jenkins had all his men mustered in line, ready for service.

"Capt. Jenkins—'Boys,' how long time do you want to get your baggage ready for a start?' A voice—'Ten minutes!' Another voice said, 'Two minutes!' Capt. Jenkins—'I will give you fifteen minutes, and at the end of that time I want every man in his place!'

"The company then broke line, some to refresh themselves with the good things that our kind hearted and thoughtful citizens passed to them in baskets through the crowd; some to gather their baggage, and some to say 'good bye.' Within twenty minutes they were on their march to the railroad, preceded by the village Band, and attended by a large crowd of our citizens.

"At the station there was a large assemblage gathered to see the volunteers off. Here a beautiful and substantial copy

of the New Testament was presented to each one, and appropriate remarks were made by Rev. Mr. Nassau, Rev. Mr. Stimson, and Rev. Mr. Williams, of this village."

The company went to New York, and were attached to the 17th Regiment, and did valiant service on many hard-fought fields. The names are omitted here, as they are given in full elsewhere.

#### MORE MEN CALLED OUT.

During the summer, enlistments were made from Warsaw for different regiments, but no active measures were taken to raise another company until September of the same year. More men had been called for by the President, and again they came from all sections, Warsaw being up with the foremost. Rev. H. K. Stimson, and Lieut. Asa B. Merrill recruited a full company of Cavalry, with their headquarters here. Warsaw furnished twenty men, and the company was attached to the famous 9th Cavalry, and re-enlisted as "Veterans" at the end of its three years, participating in half-a-hundred battles. Capt. W. G. Bentley, and Lieut. W. L. Knapp, also recruited a company of Cavalry for the same Regiment, Warsaw furnishing its full proportion. Lieutenant Merrill was soon promoted to a Captaincy, and lost his life in the service. (See Sketch.) Capt. Bentley served with distinction through the war, losing a leg in battle, and being promoted to a Colonelcy for his gallantry.

#### THE CALL OF 1862.

In the summer of 1862, another call for troops was made, and Warsaw, with the other towns of the county, was at once aroused. Warsaw's quota was ninety-three men. A town bounty of \$60, in addition to national, state, and county bounties, was pledged by subscriptions. In August, Capt. J. W. Knapp commenced recruiting a company for the 130th Regiment, afterwards the historic "1st Dragoons," and made rapid progress, securing thirty in one day. His ranks were soon filled, and contained six officers and thirty privates from



Warsaw. Capt. Knapp served faithfully to the end of the war; was promoted to be Major, and afterward, deservedly, breveted Colonel. Captains H. B. Jenks and Augustus Harrington, also speedily recruited companies for the 136th Regiment. The former contained seven officers and thirty men from Warsaw, and the latter three officers and seven men. In furtherance of these efforts, large and spirited meetings were held at different times, and the town's quota was speedily filled. The women were equally active with the men, especially in aiding the soldiers already in the field, as will be seen by the following extract from the *Mirror* of Sept. 1862: 'The ladies and children of our town have been quite industrious the past week, in preparing and sending off hospital stores. Six large boxes have gone, filled with comforts for the sick and wounded.'

#### A TOUCHING SCENE.

Several of those who went from Warsaw, had lost their lives; and their bodies had been sent home for burial. One of the most touching incidents of the war is related, by a fellow-soldier, of Charles E. Bills, a member of Capt. Jenkins' Company. Although it has been widely published, we give it a place in our record. It was written for the press by a gentleman to whom it was related by the soldier above alluded to, after his return:

"I was in the hospital as nurse for a long time," said the soldier, "and assisted in taking off limbs and dressing all sorts of wounds; but the hardest thing I ever did was to take my thumb off a man's leg."

"Ah!" said I, "how was that?" Then he told me.

"It was a young man who had a severe wound in the thigh. The ball passed completely through, and amputation was necessary. The limb was cut off close up to the body, the arteries taken up, and he seemed to be doing well. Subsequently one of the small arteries sloughed off. An incision was made and it was again taken up. 'It is well it was not the main artery,' said the surgeon as he performed the operation; 'he might have bled to death before it could be taken up.' But Charley got on finely, and was a favorite with us all.

"I was passing through the ward one night, about midnight, when suddenly as I was passing Charley's bed he spoke to me: 'H——, my leg is bleeding

again.' I threw back the bed clothes, and the blood spirted in the air. The main artery had sloughed off.

.. Fortunately I knew just what to do, and in an instant I had pressed my thumb on the place and stopped the bleeding. It was so close to the body that there was barely room for my thumb, but I succeeded in keeping it there, and arousing one of the convalescents, sent him for the surgeon, who came in on the run. 'I am so thankful, H——,' said he as he saw me, 'that you were up and knew what to do, for he must have bled to death before I could have got here.'

.. But on examination of the case he looked exceedingly serious, and sent out for other surgeons. All came who were within reach, and a consultation was held over the poor fellow. One conclusion was reached by all. There was no place to work save the spot where my thumb was placed; they could not work under my thumb, and if I moved it he would bleed to death before the artery could be taken up. There was no way to save his life!

'Poor Charley! He was very calm when they told him, and requested that his brother, who was in the same hospital, might be called up. He came and sat down by the bed-side, and for three hours I stood, and by the pressure of my thumb kept up the life of Charley, while the brothers held their last conversation on earth. It was a strange place for me to be in, to feel that I held the life of a fellow mortal in my hands, as it were, and stranger yet, to feel that an act of mine must cause that life to depart. Loving the poor fellow as I did, it was a hard thought; but there was no alternative.

'The last words were spoken. Charley had arranged all his business affairs, and sent tender messages to absent ones, who little dreamed how near their loved one stood to the grave. The tears filled my eyes more than once as I listened to those parting words. All were sad, and he turned to me. 'Now H——, I guess you had better take off your thumb.' 'O, Charley! how can I?' said I. 'But it must be, you know,' he replied cheerfully. 'I thank you very much for your kindness, and now, good bye.'

'He turned away his head, I raised my thumb, once more the life current gushed forth, and in three minutes poor Charlie was dead.'

#### RETURN OF VOLUNTEERS.

The men of Company K, having enlisted for two years, their time expired in April, 1863. In anticipation of their return, the citizens of Warsaw met at the Court-House to make arrangements for a proper reception of the company. A committee of reception, a committee to provide entertainment, a marshal and an assistant, a speaker to pronounce the welcome, and a chaplain, were appointed. Delay in obtaining their discharge papers and other causes, prevented their return until the 10th of June. The committee of reception

met them at Portage. On their arrival at the Warsaw station, they were greeted by the multitude there assembled, with great enthusiasm. The soldiers soon formed in line, and a procession and escort were formed, and led by the Warsaw Band through the Gulf and Buffalo and Main streets, to the Court-House, where a still larger number awaited their arrival. They were appropriately addressed by the speaker, who was responded to by Capt. A. M. Whaley, who had succeeded Capt. Jenkins in command, the latter having previously returned with seriously impaired health. After the exercises were closed, the soldiers and their friends repaired to the table bountifully supplied by the committee of entertainment.

The company had at different times on its rolls about one hundred names. Only thirty or thirty-five of its members were left. Fifteen had died on the field or in hospitals; and many had been discharged.

In the summer of 1863, seventy-five more men were required from Warsaw under the call for 300,000. By the law of Congress they were permitted to secure exemption by the payment of \$300 commutation, or by furnishing a substitute. Volunteering and substitution reduced the number to ten at the time the draft was enforced, and this number was made up, so that there are no records of any drafted men going to the war from this town.

#### SANITARY FAIR.

In February, 1864, the citizens held a Festival for the Sanitary Commission. The large show-rooms of the Messrs. Buxton's Wagon Manufactory were cleared out, decorated and fitted up for the occasion. On the lower floor refreshments were served, and in the second story an exhibition of tableaux and a concert by home musical talent were given. The amount realized for aiding the noble work of the Commission, was Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Our citizens, during the entire period of the war, contributed greatly, in various ways, to the comfort of the soldiers

in the field and in the hospitals. Boxes filled with provisions and clothing, such as the government was not required to furnish, were frequently sent. The ladies especially were active in the good work. They held frequent meetings, and by their "Aid Societies" did much to mitigate the sufferings of the brave defenders of the Union, and to cheer them on in the sanguinary conflict.

In the winter of 1863-'64 President Lincoln issued calls for 500,000 men, ordering a draft if the required number should not be furnished. The draft was postponed, and at a special town meeting held June 21, 1864, it was voted to pay a town bounty of from \$300 to \$500, at the discretion of the Supervisor to all volunteers enlisting during the remainder of the year. Only six votes were cast against the proposition. Recruiting was kept up steadily for the old regiments in the field, and before the day of the draft, Warsaw's quota was filled.

On the 18th day of July, 1864, President Lincoln issued his call for 500,000 more volunteers, and ordered a draft to be made on the 5th day of September, for the deficiencies. The commutation clause had been repealed. Warsaw's quota was seventy-one. Twenty-five citizens, some of them exempt under the law, at once put in personal substitutes—paying from \$600 to \$1000 each. Before the day set for the draft, the town's quota was again full.

One more call was issued by the President for 300,000 men for one year. But to this number Warsaw was not required to contribute. An unusually large proportion of her men had enlisted for three years; and the average term of their enlistments so far exceeded that of the enlistments in other sections, as to exempt her from further requisitions.

At the commencement of the war, enlistments were made without the offer of bounties. As the rebellion became more formidable and the calls for men frequent, it became necessary not only to pay bounties in order to raise men, but to increase their amount at each successive call. From fifty to

four hundred dollars per man was paid by our citizens, in addition to the sums paid by the county, the state, and the general government. Yet every call of the government was answered; and the largest sums that had to be raised were obtained, and in most cases cheerfully paid, whether by voluntary contribution or otherwise.

The following sums were levied upon the taxable property of the town:

1864, March—Special County Bounty Tax. . . . .	\$ 9,331
1864, Nov.—Annual “ “ “ . . . . .	7,540
“ “ Town War Bonds “ . . . . .	8,125
1865, May—Special County Bounty “ . . . . .	17,155
“ Nov.—Annual “ “ “ . . . . .	3,300
1866, May—Special “ “ “ . . . . .	15,359
	<hr/> \$60,810

In addition to the above amount raised by taxation, the town paid \$10,956 as town bounties, which was refunded by the state. Considerable sums were also paid by voluntary subscriptions for bounties, and for the support of volunteers' families. By thus “paying as they went,” the authorities brought the town free from debt shortly after the war closed. The same was true of the county—something that scarcely any other town or county in the state could boast of.

#### CLOSE OF THE WAR.

On Monday morning, April 10, 1865, the news of the surrender of the rebel army under Lee to the Union forces under Gen. Grant, reached Warsaw. The *Western New Yorker* of Thursday, thus described the celebration of the event by the citizens:

“The celebration over the news of Lee's surrender was an occasion never to be forgotten by those of our citizens who joined in it, or who witnessed its varied proceedings. The news was received at an early hour Monday morning, and soon every bell was ringing, the cannons roaring, two large flags were hung across the street, and smaller ones from nearly every building, as the joyous news passed rapidly around.



Main street soon grew crowded and noisy, men and boys rushed up and down cheering and shouting. A procession was formed—impromptu, like everything else—and marched up and down the principal streets—bringing everybody to the open doors to wave flags and join in the general jubilee. Halting in front of Bingham's Hotel, brief and appropriate speeches of congratulation were made, interspersed with the readiest and heartiest cheers. Proceedings of this character proceeded uninterruptedly until noon. But the evening's jubilee eclipsed anything ever witnessed in our town. In accordance with a printed notice circulated in the afternoon, an immense meeting assembled at the Court-House at 7 o'clock, and was addressed in an appropriate and stirring manner by Judge Comstock, Hon. Augustus Frank, L. W. Thayer, Esq., Hon. Byron Healy, Rev. Joseph E. Nassau, F. F. Fargo, Esq., L. W. Smith, Esq., and Rev. J. C. Bills.

“Patriotic airs were sung, and after an hour and a half the crowd adjourned to mingle with the larger gathering in the streets. A huge bonfire blazed on the corner of Main and Buffalo streets. In addition, there was a splendid general illumination. The Main street fronts were decked out in red, white and blue, and radiant with candles and lamps. Most of the dwellings were illuminated—many with brilliant effect. Rockets were streaming skyward, and the celebration of the great national victory was participated in by all.”

Although the war was considered closed at or soon after Lee's surrender, several months elapsed before the soldiers were all regularly mustered out of service. Many did not return to their homes until July.

The following list contains the names of all who, at the time of their enlistment, were residents of Warsaw, though they enlisted elsewhere. Those from other towns, who enlisted here, are not included. Although great pains have been taken to make the list full and correct, a few names may have been omitted; and it may be found to contain some slight inaccuracies:

Charles Agar, Private, 17th Reg., Company K, Vol. Enlisted May 21, 1861; 2 years. Discharged in July, 1861, on account of sickness.

Jesse Albroy, Private, 1st Reg. N. Y. Dragoons, Aug. 15, 1862; 3 years. Taken prisoner May 11, 1863; 7 months in prison; served 2 years and 10 months.

George Armstrong, Private, 17th Reg't N. Y. Infantry, Co. K; enlisted May 20, 1861; 2 years; served 2 years; died from disease acquired in the army.

John Aikin, Private, 8th Reg't, N. Y. Artillery; enlisted Jan. 4, 1864; 3 years; served 16 months.

Algeroy Aikin, Private, 104th Reg't N. Y. Volunteers; enlisted Feb. 7, 1862; 3 years; served 14 months.

James Allen, Private, 9th Reg't N. Y. Cavalry; enlisted Oct., 1861; 3 years; died at Washington, of wounds, Aug., 1863. Buried at Warsaw.

Frank S. Austin, Corporal, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861; 2 years.

John J. Baker, Jr., Private, 106th Reg't N. Y. Infantry; enlisted Aug. 16, 1862; 3 years. Discharged after 7 months for disability.

Henry Baker, Private, 136th Reg't N. Y. Infantry; enlisted Aug. 26, 1862; 3 years. Discharged June 13, 1865. In a number of battles.

Riley R. Baker, Private, 17th Reg't Co. K; enlisted May 21, 1861; re-enlisted Oct. 10, 1861, in the same company, and served 3 years. Discharged Oct. 18, 1864.

Robert Barnett, Jr., Private, 1st Reg't N. Y. Dragoons, Co. D; enlisted Aug. 11, 1862; 3 years. Lost a leg at the battle of Strasburg, Oct. 14, 1864. Discharged Aug., 1865.

George Baker, Private, 17th Reg't N. Y. Infantry, Co. K; enlisted May, 1861; 2 years.

James Baker, Private, 136th Reg't N. Y. Infantry, Co. D; enlisted May 12, 1862; 3 years. Promoted to Corporal, then to Sergeant, then to 1st Sergeant. Discharged with the Regiment.

John Bannan, 1st Sergeant, 136th Reg't N. Y. Infantry; enlisted Aug. 7, 1863; 3 years; served 2 years and 9 months. Was twice wounded, once severely.

Cosam Tallyrand Bartlett, Navy, Aug. 1862; promoted to ordinary seaman; discharged Sept., 1863.

Myron E. Bartlett, 1st Lieutenant, 136th N. Y. Infantry, Co. D; enlisted Sept. 2, 1862; 3 years. Discharged from hospital Dec. 26, 1862.

Wallace Alexander Bartlett, Sharpshooters, Nov., 1862; 3 years; wounded in the Seven Days' Battles in the Wilderness; sent to the hospital at Fredericksburg; taken prisoner at Weldon Railroad; sent to Salisbury and other prisons; paroled and exchanged. Re-enlisted as Lieutenant in United States service, Co. R, May 1865, and served in Texas.

George M. Bassett, enlisted for 2 years in Co. C, 21st Reg't N. Y. Volunteers, May 7, 1861; was wounded in the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862; discharged May 18, 1863.

William R. Benchley, 17th Infantry, May 1861; 2 years. Died at Savage Station.

Jared M. Bills, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862; 3 years. Promoted to 2d Lieutenant, then to 1st Lieutenant. Resigned January 1864, on account of disability.

C. W. Bisby, 1st Sergeant, 7th N. G., Co. H, June, 1863, 1 month.

Galusha W. Blowers, 9th Cavalry, Co. A, Sept., 1861, 3 years. Served 10 months. Died Aug 7, 1862, of disease acquired in the army.

Edwin H. Beardsley, 2d Sergeant, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861; 2 years. Promoted to Quarter-Master Sergeant, Sergeant Major, 2d Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant. Commander Ambulance of Corps the last year.

William W. Bartlett, Private, 136th Reg't N. Y. Infantry, Aug. 11, 1862; 3 years; served 2 years; discharged for disability, Sept. 12, 1864.

Charles S. Bassett, Private, 136th Reg't N. Y. Infantry, Co. E, Sept., 1862; 3 years. Discharged Jan. 1863 for disability; re-enlisted in 1st Reg't Veteran Cavalry, Sept. 15, 1863, 3 years; was at the battle of Newmarket; discharged July 20, 1865.

Willard W. Beardsley, Private, 13th Reg't U. S. Infantry, Oct. 14, 1861; 3 years; served 34 months.

Edward R. Benedict, Private, 9th N. Y. Cavalry, Co. A, Sept. 20, 1861; 3 years; discharged April, 1862.

Charles C. Bishop, Corporal, 8th N. Y. Artillery, Jan., 1864; 3 years; died at Washington from wounds in battle.

James D. Bishop, Corporal, 1st N. Y. Dragoons, Aug., 1862; 3 years; wounded June, 1863; promoted to Sergeant July, 1864; discharged June 30, 1865. In service 2 years and 10 months.

Norton C. Bradish, Private, 1st N. Y. Dragoons, Aug. 11, 1862; 3 years; discharged for disability at Suffolk, Va., Dec., 1863. Served 1 year, 5 months. Health impaired.

Michael Burke, 2d, Private, 8th N. Y. Artillery, Co. M, Jan. 5, 1864; 3 years. Transferred to 10th N. Y. Veterans; served 1 year and 8 months.

Edward W. Burns, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862; 3 years. Served 2 years and 9 months. Discharged June 13, 1865.

James Campbell, Private, N. Y. Colored, Dec., 1863; 3 years.

Martin Carpenter, Private, 136th N. Y. Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862; Discharged June, 1865.

Daniel S. Carroll, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862; 3 years. Promoted to 3d Sergeant, then to 2d. Served 2 years and 10 months. Discharged June, 1865.

Robert J. Cochran, Private, 9th Cavalry, Dec., 1863; 3 years. Discharged, and re-enlisted in the same regiment. Discharged, May, 1865.

John Crist, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862; 3 years. Promoted to Corporal. Discharged, June, 1863.

Alexander R. Chichester, Private, 9th Cavalry, Co. H, Oct., 1861. Discharged, April, 1862.

Lewis E. Clement, Private, 8th Artillery, Co. M, Jan., 1864, 3 years. Discharged, July, 1865.

Charles Coffee, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E. Sept., 1862. Discharged, May, 1863.

Patrick Henry Cofield, Private, 9th Cavalry, Co. A, Sept., 1861; 3 years. Discharged, Dec., 1864.

Abner Cole, Corporal, 9th Cavalry, Sept., 1864; 1 year. Served 8 months.

Francis T. Colt, Private, 9th Cavalry, Feb., 1864. Served through the war.

Homer G. Curtis, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861; 2 years. Wounded at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1863. Served 2 years; re-enlisted in 8th N. Y. Artillery, Dec., 1863; promoted to Sergeant, and to 2d Lieutenant. Discharged, June 12, 1865.

Spencer Cronkhite, Private, 9th Cavalry, Co. A, Sept., 1861, 3 years—promoted to Sergeant, and to 1st Sergeant; wounded at Beverly Ford, Jan., 1863; discharged Oct. 27, 1864.

Charles B. Darling, Sergeant 1st Dragoons, Co. D, Aug. 1862, 3 years—promoted to Quarter-master Sergeant; was in 31 battles; died of disease in camp near Winchester, Va., Dec. 14, 1864.

James M. Davidson, Musician, 14th Heavy Artillery, Jan. 1864, 3 years—served 1 year and 4 months.

Benj. F. Draper, Private, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1863; served 1 year and 9 months; enlisted in 1st Veteran Cavalry, Oct., 1863; 2 years.

Myron Draper, Private 136th Infantry, Aug., 1862; discharged June 30, 1865.

Paul P. Draper, Sergeant 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; discharged June or July, 1865.

Charles Dresher, Private 136th Infantry, Aug., 1862, 3 years; wounded at Averysboro, N. C., March, 1865; discharged from hospital at Rochester, June 29, 1865.

Harwood A. Dudley, 1st Lieutenant 17th Infantry, May, 1861; resigned Dec., 1861; honorably discharged.

William Everingham, Private 17th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862, 3 years; promoted to Corporal, then to Sergeant; was in 23 battles; discharged June, 1865.

Carlos Evans, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years. Died at Suffolk, Va., Nov., 1862.

Eugene Edson, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1862, 2 years. Discharged, date not known.

Edwin P. Fanning, Private 21st Buffalo Infantry, April. 1861; discharged after 7 months' service; re-enlisted Aug., 1862, in 1st Dragoons, Co. D; discharged July, 1865.

Wm. H. H. Fargo, Private 9th Cavalry, Co. H, Feb., 1864. 3 years; promoted to Sergeant; taken prisoner near Woodstock; discharged Sept., 1865.

Leonard Filkins, Private 199th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Sept., 1864, 3 years; re-enlisted.

Dennis Finnegan, Private 24th Battery, March 30, 1864; 3 years.

Henry H. Firman, Private, 1st Veteran Cavalry, Co. D, Aug., 1863; re-enlisted Oct., 1863; discharged Aug. 1, 1865.

Horace Firman, Private, 21st Veteran Cavalry, Aug., 1861, 3 years; served 3 years; re-enlisted April 12, 1864.

Christopher Fisher, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862; slightly wounded at Resaca, and taken prisoner March, 1864; discharged June, 1865.

Wm. H. Fisk, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; served 2 years; wounded severely.

Samuel Mills Fisher, Private, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; transferred to V. R. Corps Feb., 1865; served 2 years and 10 months.

Milton E. Foskett, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Sept., 1862, 3 years; wounded at Gettysburg July 2, 1863; discharged June 13, 1865.

Frederick Franklin, Private, 100th Infantry, Jan., 1865, 1 year; served as a substitute 5 months.

Charles Gath, Private, 136th Infantry, Aug., 1862, Co. E, 3 years; killed at Resaca, May 18, 1864; buried at Kingston, June 24, 1864.

Henry M. Gay, Private, 1st Dragoons, Co. D, August, 1862, 3 years; killed at Trevallion Station, June 12, 1864.

Manlius Gay, Private, 136th Infantry, Aug., 1862, 2 years; died in Canada, Dec., 1864; buried in Middlebury.

John Geyer, Private, 136th Infantry, Aug., 1862, 3 years; promoted to Corporal Oct. 1, 1864, at Atlanta; discharged June 13, 1865.

George Gibson, Private, 8th Artillery, Co. B, Dec. 1863, 3 years; wounded in the hip at Petersburg; discharged April, 1865; health impaired.

Sullivan Gibson, Private, 104th Wadsworth Guards, Co. D, Oct., 1861, 3 years; discharged after 8 months' service; re-enlisted in 1st Dragoons.

Andrew J. Gliss, Private, 1st Dragoons, Aug. 1862, 3 years; served 18 months; discharged from hospital, date unknown.

Joseph Gliss, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, June, 1862; killed in 2d Bull Run battle.

Alexander Granger, Private, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; was in all the battles of the regiment; discharged June 30, 1865.

Reuben Gray, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862, 3 years; discharged March, 1863.

Thomas B. Guard, Sergeant, 9th Cavalry, Oct., 1861, 3 years; served 1 year.

Wm. T. Graves, Private, 1st Dragoons, Co. D, Aug., 1862, 3 years; discharged Jan. 27, 1864, on account of disability.

John Hannegan, Private, 9th Cavalry, Feb., 1864, 3 years; served 1 year and 6 months.

James Hannegan, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862, 3 years; promoted to Corporal, then to Sergeant; killed in battle of Gettysburg, July, 1863, and buried there.

Robert Harty, Corporal, 26th Battery, Oct., 1862, 3 years; served 2 years.

Daniel Hermann, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Sept., 1862, 3 years; served 2 years and 4 months.



John Hermann, Private, 1st Dragoons, Co. D, Aug., 1862, 3 years; slightly wounded; discharged July 17, 1865.

Henry Hibbard, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; promoted to Sergeant; date of discharge unknown.

Homer O. Holly, Private, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; promoted to Com. Sergeant; served nearly 3 years; discharged July, 1865.

Augustus Harrington, Captain, 136th Infantry, August, 1862; 3 years. Resigned.

Marquis F. Holton, Private 1st Dragoons, Co. D., August, 1862; 3 years. Discharged June 30, 1865.

Henry H. Holton, Private, 13th Heavy Artillery, Sept., 1864; 1 year. Discharged June, 1865.

Alfred W. Hoyt, Sergeant, 8th Heavy Artillery, Co. M., Dec. 29, 1863; 3 years. In battles of Spotsylvania, North Ann, Cold Harbor, &c. Discharged from hospital June 13th, 1865; health impaired.

Edwin T. M. Hurlburt, Corporal, Rock. Battallion, Aug. 1861; 3 years. Hospital Steward and Ass't Surgeon. Discharged April, 1865.

Milton W. Hurlburt, Musician, 8th Heavy Artillery, Co. M., Jan. 1, 1864; 3 years. Discharged June, 1863.

William Hutton, Private, 5th Cavalry, Co. F., Sept. 1861; 3 years. Discharged Nov. 20, 1864.

Edward Harty, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years. Served about 6 months; discharged for disability.

Willard L. Hitchcock, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years.

Gideon H. Jenkins, Captain, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May 1861; 2 years. Served 7 months; health impaired, and honorably discharged.

Adelbert H. Jenkins, 3d Sergeant, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Discharged June, 1863.

Charles V. Jenkins, 1st Sergeant 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Discharged Nov. 1861, for disability.

Henry B. Jenks, Captain, 136th Infantry, Co. E., Sept. 1862; 3 years. Resigned March 13, 1863, and honorably discharged.

Frank H. Johnson, Private, 17th Infantry, May 1861; 2 years. Served 2 years.

Jason M. Johnson, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May 1861; 2 years. Discharged at Fort Ellsworth; sick with fever; since dead.

Willard Joslyn, 136th Infantry, Co. E., Aug., 1862; 3 years. Served 10 months.

Abraham Ennis Keeney, Corporal, 8th Heavy Artillery, Dec. 1863; 3 years. Died in Warsaw while on a furlough, Nov. 8, 1864, of sickness acquired in the army.

Jeremiah Keeney, Private, 75th Infantry, May, 1862; 3 years. Served 2 years, 6 months.

J. L. Kendrick, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., July 1861; 2 years. Served 15 months, hospital clerk.

Jerome Kimball, 1st Dragoons, March 1864; 3 years.

Jacob W. Knapp, Captain, 1st Dragoons, Aug. 1862; 3 years. Served 2 years, 9 months. Promoted to Major, and since, by brevet, to Colonel. He was in the battles of Deserted Farm, Todd's Tavern, Shepardstown, Travellion Station, Hanover Junction, Smithfield, Cedar Creek, Winchester, Somerset, Five Forks, Dinwiddie, Appomattox, and others. Captain Knapp's Company belonged to the 130th Regiment of Infantry when enlisted in Aug., 1862; was changed to Cavalry, Aug., 1863; and to 1st N. Y. Dragoons, Nov., 1863. In this record they are designated only as the 1st Dragoons.

Augustus F. Knapp, Private, 1st Dragoons, Feb., 1864; 3 years. Promoted to Corporal; discharged June 30, 1865.

Lucien P. Knapp, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Served out the term; re-enlisted Aug. 1864, 1 year, and served 9 months.

Thomas E. Knapp, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Served 7 months.

Frank Lamphere, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Served 6 months.

Reuben B. Lane, 136th Infantry, Co. E., Sept., 1862; 3 years. Discharged April, 1863; cause, loss of wife.

Edwin M. Lemon, Private, 9th Cavalry, Oct. 1861; 3 years. Discharged April 10, 1862.

Ira Lounsbury, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May 1861; 2 years. Served out the term, and died since.

Austin W. Lathrop, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E., Aug. 1862; 3 years. Discharged June 13, 1865.

Abraham B. Lawrence, Quarter Master, Aug. 28, 1862; 3 years. Twice promoted in Quarter-Master's department; present rank Lt. Colonel.

Asa Luther, Private, 5th Cavalry, Co. F., Sept. 1861; 3 years. Promoted to Sergeant; taken prisoner and confined at Andersonville 9 months; discharged Feb., 1865.

Ellis Luther, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Discharged in about 1 year.

Henry Lamphere, (not on book.)

Mills W. Marchant, Private, 1st Dragoons, May, 1862; 3 years. Promoted to Corporal; wounded at Five Forks April 1, 1865; discharged June 19, 1865.

John Mack, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., July 1861; 2 years. Served out term, and discharged.

Wm. D. Martin, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1862; 2 years. Served out the term; re-enlisted in 8th Artillery, December 25, 1863, 3 years, and discharged July 11, 1865.

George F. Martin, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Killed at 2d Bull Run battle, Aug. 30, 1862.

Hector C. Martin, 24th Bat., Oct. 1861; 3 years. Died at Andersonville, Aug. 7, 1864, and buried there.

Adelbert Mosher, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K., May, 1861; 2 years. Health impaired, and discharged.

John P. Murray, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E., Sept., 1862; 3 years. Discharged Dec., 1862, for disability. Enlisted Aug. 1863, in 1st Veteran Cavalry; discharged June 14, 1865.

Samuel K. Munger, Private, 9th Cavalry, Co. H., Oct., 1861; 3 years. Discharged after 3 months for disability.

Porter B. Munger, Private, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1882; 3 years. Mustered out May 22, 1865, at Washington, in compliance with a telegram from the War Department, dated May 5, 1865.

Silas C. Maynard, Private, 9th Cavalry, Jan. 30, 1864; 3 years.

Wm. G. Meacham, Ass't Surgeon, 162d Infantry, Aug., 1864; 3 years. Served 7 months.

Asa B. Merrill, 9th Cavalry, Oct., 1861; 3 years. Promoted to Captain, May, 1862; was at the siege of Yorktown; and died of typhoid fever at the Patent Office Hospital, June 23, 1861; buried at Warsaw.

Jesse J. Mattocks, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years. Served about 6 months. Discharged for disability.

Oscar Nicholson, Corporal, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861; 2 years. Promoted to Hospital Steward, December 6, 1861. Discharged June 6, 1863.

Edward O'Maley, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1863, 3 years. Promoted to Corporal; discharged June 13, 1865.

William Parker, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years. Discharged, June 22, 1863.

Timothy Peasley, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years. Died of disease at Suffolk. Date unknown.

Augustus C. Parker, Private, 9th Cavalry, Co. A, Sept., 1861, 3 years. Discharged April 8, 1862.

John Parkins, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years. Died of wounds received in battle at Winchester.

Cyrus O. Peck, Sergeant, 9th Cavalry, Oct., 1861, 3 years. Served 1 year and 7 months. Health impaired; since died.

Daniel W. Peck, Private, 2d Mounted Rifles. Served about 1 year and 6 months.

Elisha S. Peck, Private, 9th Cavalry, Oct., 1861. Died in hospital of wounds received in battle.

Charles A. Partridge, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1863, 2 years.

William Poland, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years. Remained in service 2 years; in Hospital 10 months.

Marvin Preston, Private, 2d Mounted Rifles, Jan., 1863.

John F. Putney, 136th Infantry, 1862, 3 years; discharged after peace.

Lucien H. Post, Corporal, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years. Promoted to 1st Sergeant. After being wounded at Bull Run, promoted to 2d Lieutenant.

David P. Rood, 63d N. Y. Volunteers, Co. F, Feb. 29, 1864, 3 years. Promoted to Sergeant, then to 2d Lieutenant. Wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor; discharged Sept. 14, 1864.

Charles E. Relyea, Private, 179th Infantry, April, 1863; 3 years.

George M. Relyea, Private, 179th Infantry, April, 1864, 3 years; discharged Sept., 1865.

Edwin Relyea, Private, May, 1864; died at Andersonville, Oct. 31, 1864.

John T. Renyck, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; wounded at 2d Bull Run battle; did not serve afterwards.

Jerry Robetoy, 1st Dragoons, March, 1864, 3 years; discharged July 17, 1865.

Hopkins Salisbury, Private, 1st Dragoons, Co. D, Aug., 1862, 3 years. Wounded at the battle of Deserted House, Jan. 31, 1863, and discharged.

Augustus Sattyr, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; served 2 years, and discharged. Re-enlisted in 147th Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and discharged July 15, 1865. In Sherman's campaign.

Alburtis Sammis, Private, 8th Artillery, Jan., 1864, 3 years; died at David's Island, of sickness in the army.

Thomas J. Scribner, Private, 8th Artillery, Dec., 1863, 3 years. Served 8 months.

Jacob Sherwin, Private, 9th Cavalry, Wagoner, Sept., 1861, 2 years; served 6 months.

Andrew J. Simons, Private, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862, 3 years; served 7 months.

Warren A. Simons, Private, 9th Cavalry, Co. H, Oct., 1861, 3 years; served 6 months.

James H. Smith, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; served 1 month and enlisted in 1st Veteran Cavalry, Oct., 1863, 3 years.

John J. Smith, 136th Infantry, Sept., 1864, 1 year; served 9 months.

William D. Smith, 136th Infantry, Sept., 1864, 1 year; served 9 months.

Anson J. Smith, Sergeant, 1st Dragoons, Co. D, Aug., 1862, 3 years; served 2 years and 10 months.

Henry Snyder, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May 16, 1861, 2 years; served 2 years; was wounded in 2d Bull Run battle.

Wilber H. Snyder, Private, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; died in Hospital at Alexandria, Va., of disease acquired in the army.

George D. Slocum, Surgeon, U. S. Navy, Nov., 1861; resigned and discharged about Feb., 1866.

Arthur L. Spoor, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; went into Hospital.

Augustus F. Steele, 1st Dragoons, Co. D, Aug., 1862; discharged June 30, 1865.

Byron L. Stearns, 9th Cavalry, Co. G, Oct., 1861, 3 years; served 1 year and 6 months; discharged for disability.

Augustus Stearns, 136th Infantry, Co. H, Aug., 28, 1862, 3 years; discharged after 4 months; wounded in wrist while on picket guard at Fairfax.

William W. Stearns, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; discharged April 9, 1863, for disability; enlisted Dec. 29, 1863, in 8th Heavy Artillery; promoted to 2d Lieutenant; discharged Jan. 21, 1865, by reason of wounds at Cold Harbor.

Charles Stevens, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862, 3 years; promoted to Sergeant, Sept., 1862; discharged at Atlanta, Oct., 1864, for disability.

Hosea Stewart, 5th Cavalry, Co. F, Sept., 1861, 3 years; discharged Nov. 20, 1864; slightly wounded.

James A. Stow, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug. 22, 1862, 3 years; wounded at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863; discharged May, 1865.

Alfred Standish, Corporal, 9th Cavalry, Sept. 30, 1861, 3 years; died in Warsaw, Aug. 28, 1864, of sickness acquired in the army.

Hiram K. Stinson, Captain 9th Cavalry, Co. A, Sept., 1861, 3 years; raised a company, served a year or two, and resigned.

Wm. Thompson, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; transferred to 2d U. S. Artillery, Sept. 20, 1862; served 2 years and 9 months.

John Streamer, 2d Mounted Rifles, Jan., 1864, 3 years; served 1 year and 6 months.

John J. Streamer, 2d Mounted Rifles, Jan., 1864, 3 years.

John Tuite, 136th Infantry, Co. E, Aug., 1862, 3 years; wounded at Resaca, May 15, 1864; served 2 years and 10 months; discharged from hospital, Sept. 4, 1865.

America N. Truair, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; served 6 months; re-enlisted Dec. 29, 1863; served 1 year. Lost an arm at the battle of Cold Harbor, July 3, 1864; discharged Dec. 6, 1864.

James M. Tyler, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years. Promoted to 1st Sergeant; served full time.

John West, 9th Cavalry, Co. H, Feb., 1864, 3 years; discharged Sept., 1865.

Wm. H. Walker, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; promoted to Sergeant and Sergeant-Major; served out term.

Morris Warren, 1st Sergeant, 2d Mounted Rifles, May, 1861, 2 years; re-enlisted Dec., 1863; served 1 year and 6 months; slightly wounded.

Alfred Watrous, Sergeant, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; served out term; re-enlisted Sept., 1863, 3 years, and served 1 year and 9 months.

Arthur H. Watts, 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; transferred to non-Commissioned Regimental Staff, Sept., 1862; appointed 2d Lieutenant of Co. F, Jan. 1, 1864; promoted to Reg. Quarter-Master, Aug. 20, 1864; discharged June 30, 1865.

Charles B. Whiteher, 9th Cavalry, Sept., 1864, 3 years; died at Hampton Hospital, Nov. 1864, of sickness acquired in the army. Buried in Warsaw.

Charles E. Whittam, Sergeant, 8th Artillery, Dec., 1863, 3 years. Not heard from after going into battle at Cold Harbor, June, 1864.

Zelotes C. Wiggins, 136th Infantry, Sept. 1, 1862, 3 years; died July 4, 1864, of wounds received in battle at Gettysburg, and buried there.

Leonard Wilkin, 1st Lieutenant 1st Dragoons, Aug., 1862, 3 years; served 13 months; resigned, and honorably discharged.

Libbeus Wright, 31st N. Y. Volunteers, Dec., 1863, 3 years; served 13 months; lost an arm.



Mortimer Wright, 31st N. Y. Volunteers, Dec.. 1864, 3 years; served 13 months; lost an arm near Petersburg.

Alfred Wright, 31st Colored Infantry, Co. A, Dec. 25, 1863, 3 years; died of wounds received in battle near Petersburg, about a year after enlisting.

Oliver Wright, 31st Colored Infantry, Co. A, Dec. 25, 1863, 3 years; died of sickness near Petersburg, about a year after enlisting.

Charles T. Watkins, Corporal 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years. Promoted to Sergeant; served 2 years, and was discharged.

Wm. B. Young, 17th Infantry, Co. K, May, 1861, 2 years; served 13 months; health impaired, and discharged.

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In the list of Volunteers of Wyoming county who were mustered into the service in 1862, and received the county bounty of \$50, are the names of 82, of whom 5 are designated as residents of other towns; and 12 as residents of Warsaw, of whose enlistment or service there is no other record.

Besides the 194 men included in this list, there were employed outside of the limits of the town, by citizens of the town, more than 200 men to fill quotas from time to time.

## FAMILY SKETCHES

AND

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

WELCOM ARNOLD was born in Granville, Feb. 23, 1795, and lived most of the time in Poultney, Vt., until 1815, when he removed to Middlebury. In January, 1817, he married Marilla Stearns, of Sudbury, Vt. They removed in 1833 to the north-east part of this town, where they now reside. They united with the Presbyterian church in Wyoming, of which he was an elder before his removal to this town. They had three children: Osmyn S., Anna M., and Alfred P., (inf.)

OSMYN S., born in 1817, married Martha M. Paskow, of Cayuga Co., in 1850, who died in 1856. They had two daughters, Emma C., and Mary M.

ANNA M., unmarried; resides with her parents.

HORACE P. AKIN was born in Dutchess county, Oct. 28, 1794. He married Maria Wisemore, and removed to this town in 1835, and died in 1868. They had ten children:

MORGAN married Caroline Burrell, and resides in Perry. They have four children.

DEWITT married Polly Bush, of Gainesville, by whom he had three children: Adolphus, Irvin, and Maria. His wife died in 1862. He married for his second wife, Almedia Lathrop, by whom he has two children, Frederick and Florence. He has been frequently elected to the office of Assessor.

JOHN A. married Mary Jane Conable, who died, leaving two children: Julia, who married Augustus Steele, and Wallace. Mr. Akin married for his second wife, Lucy Ann Stearns. Served in the war.

LEWIS married Betsey Rice, who died; and Mr. Akin married Hannah Wood, who also died; he married his third wife in Michigan.

JAMES, MILTON, AMBROSE, CHARLES, MELISSA, and HIRAM are married; ALBERT is unmarried.

CHARLES W. BAILEY was born in Perry, March 9th, 1820, and married, June 30, 1849, Jane M. Stevens, of Warsaw, who was born at Albion, Orleans county. He is a graduate of Meadville College, Pa. He pursued the study of Law, and was admitted to practice in 1850. He was elected a Justice of the Peace in this town in 1860, and Clerk of the County in 1861, after having been for several years Deputy Clerk, which office he still holds; thus having served as Clerk and Deputy ten or eleven years. He also held the office of Postmaster in this town during the administration of Presidents Taylor and Fillmore.

EDMUND BAINBRIDGE was born in Lawrence, N. J. Dec. 31, 1799. He married Dorcas Wiggins, of Oneida Co. N. Y. They removed to Warsaw in 1834, and settled in the north-east part of the town. They now reside in the village. They are members of the Presbyterian church. They have had twelve children, as follows:

WILLIAM W., who married Eliza Crocker, and has several children. They reside in Ohio.

ALPHA A., who married Nancy Morland, and resides in Missouri.

MINERVA F., who married Dwight Purdy, of Warsaw. They have two sons and one daughter.

FREELove JENNETT, who died March, 1867, aged 42.

MILTON G. married Martha Hughes, and resides in Columbia City, Ind.

MARY married Robert Pease, and has two daughters.

ELLEN A. married Wallace Randall, and resides in Iowa.

JULIET married Fayette Holton, and died in 1865, two months after marriage.

JAMES P. resides in Rochester.

Jennett, Francis, Eunice, and Nancy E., died young.

ELISHA BARNES was born in Bennington, Vt., and married in 1783, Anna Martin, of Granville. They removed from Granville to this town, and settled in the south-west part of the town about 1820. Mr. Barnes died March 10, 1864. They were members of the Baptist church. They had six children:

ELISHA, who married Electa Furman, of Warsaw.

CHAUNCEY married Jane Alderman, and died in Eagle.

ANNA, unmarried, lives in Middlebury.

GAMALIEL married Maria Freeman, daughter of Rev. Peter Freeman, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in this town. They have a daughter, and live in Illinois.

SAMUEL died at the age of 4 years.

SOLON W., married Susan E. Warren, of Orangeville, and has four children: Theodore R., Cora E., Arletta, and Arthur. They reside in Middlebury.

DAVID BARNETT was born in Londonderry, N. H., in 1769. He was several years a merchant in Vermont. He married Grisey Patterson, of Londonderry, a sister of Mrs. Frank and William and Peter Patterson. They removed to Warsaw about the year 1830, and resided on East Hill until his death, Sept. 28, 1838. His occupation was that of a farmer. Mrs. Barnett died Nov. 13, 1850, in her 75th year. She was a person of vigorous mind, retentive memory, warm attachments, and decided Christian principle. She had no children. Mr. Barnett had by a former wife two daughters, now residing in Vermont.

JONATHAN BARNETT was born in Londonderry, N. H., Sept. 13, 1767, where he was married, to Ruth Merrill. He was a descendant of one of the Scotch Irish immigrants from Londonderry, Ireland, who settled in the former town about the year 1720. He removed to this town in 1821, having been preceded by two of his sons, Amos M. and William D. He died Aug. 27, 1842. Mrs. Barnett died March 29, 1855. They had nine children, all born in Londonderry.

JOHN was born July 6, 1795; died Oct. 20, 1805.

AMOS M. was born March 5, 1797. He married Laura Dunham, of Orangeville, by whom he had six children, of whom two only passed infancy: 1. Mary. 2. Martha, who married Augustus Harrington, a practicing lawyer. They reside in this village. Mr. Barnett was a member of the Congregational church, as is also Mrs. Barnett. He died Jan. 20, 1856.

ROBERT was born Nov. 8, 1798, and married for his first wife, before his removal to Warsaw, Sally Nevins, by whom he had a son, James N., who married Sarah Painter, and has two children, Sarah Elizabeth, and Edwin P. Mr. Barnett married for his second wife, Hetty S. Foster, by whom he had a son, Robert, who served in the late war, and lost a leg in battle. [See War History.]

WILLIAM D., born Sept. 8, 1800, married Elizabeth Young, of this town, in 1830. They resided in Clarkson until 1837, when they removed to Gainesville; and in 1849 to Attica, where he died, Aug. 2, 1865, and where Mrs. Barnett still resides. They had no children. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church in Attica.

JAMES was born March 25, 1802. He removed from Warsaw to Ohio. He had three children, of whom one died in the war.

GILMAN was born Feb. 11, 1804. He married Mary Ann Davis, who died without children. He married for his second wife, Laura Stewart, by whom he had two sons: 1. Benjamin Franklin, who married Sylvia Doty, of Attica, where they reside. They have a son. 2. Augustus, who married Laura J. Bassett. He is a merchant in Albion. Gilman Barnett and his wife now reside in this village.

JONATHAN was born Aug. 1, 1807. He removed to Will Co., Ill., where he was married. He died June 13, 1860.

DAVID was born March 9, 1810. He also removed to Illinois, and died at Wilmington, Sept. 4, 1838. He was at the time of his death an elder in the church of which he was a member. He was unmarried.

MARIA was born Oct. 18, 1813; died Jan. 9, 1859.

ALANSON BARTLETT was born in Bath, N. H., Dec. 31, 1802. He came to Warsaw about the year 1820, with his father, who settled in the north-west part of the town. He removed to the village, and carried on the Cabinet Making business about forty years. He married Maria Turner, who died July 26, 1857. He died Feb. 23, 1867. Both were members of the Methodist church. They had ten children:

ANN ELIZA, who died at the age of 37.

MARY E., who married O. C. Gero, and lives in New Jersey.

MARTHA M., married James Dayton; removed to Michigan, and died.

JAMES SPENCER, born Feb. 9, 1833; married Aug. 23, 1859, Mary P. Hitchcock, of Arcade. They had three children, Charles A., Frank Lewis, and Clayton S., died in infancy.

SARAH MARIA, married Henry Everson; they reside in Chicago.

PHIDELIA H., died in infancy.

DELLA D., married Horace Kimball, of Colden; died in 1861, leaving a daughter.

WALLACE A., born Nov. 5, 1844; served 4 years in the war, was in Salisbury prison 7 months; now resides in Washington, D. C.

CLARA C., born Aug. 7, 1852.

Mr. Bartlett married Henrietta Roberts, Jan. 23, 1858.



ETHIAN E. BARTLETT was born in Bath, N. H., Dec. 17, 1804, and came to Warsaw in December, 1821. He graduated at the Western College of Physicians and Surgeons in the State of New York, and commenced practice in the village of Warsaw in the Summer of 1831. In the Fall of 1834, he removed with his family to the State of Georgia. In 1836, he "sought again the land of the free," (as he expresses it,) and settled in Orangeville, and practiced in that and the adjoining towns until 1848, when he again located in Warsaw, where he has continued the practice of his profession, more or less, though for the last several years his attention has been bestowed chiefly on other business.

Dr. Bartlett married Elvira A. Tanner. They had five children: Nancy Ellen, who died Jan., 1869, Mary Tabitha, Sarah A. Aphia, Thomas Rush, who died April 23, 1867, aged 26, and George. Mary T. married Mr. Smith, and resides in this town.

Mrs. Bartlett died in Orangeville, Dec. 14, 1846, aged 33 years.

Dr. Bartlett married for his second wife, Phebe Foster. They had eight children. Only Celinda E., Lowell D. K., and Julius F. H., are living.

WILLIAM K. BARTLETT was born in Bath, Grafton Co., N. H., June 12, 1796. He married Elmina McLaughlen, and removed from Chelsea, Vt., to Attica, and settled the next year in Orangeville. In 1847 or 1848, they removed to the north-west part of this town, where both died: Mrs. Bartlett, July 19, 1857; Mr. Bartlett, June 9, 1867. They had eleven children, of whom three died in infancy.

COLUMBIA C. married Hiram Melvin, of Attica. They reside in this town. They had four children: two, Emmet and Ida, are living.

EMMET L. resides in Chihuahua, Mexico.

AURORA ADELAIDE married Homer Melvin, of Attica. Their children are Seth H., Elmina, Aravesta, Flora, Charles.

MYRON E., born May 7, 1831; married Cordelia McFarland, of Ohio. Children: Eugene M., Jennie E., Edith E., and an infant daughter, living. Mr. Bartlett has for several years been, and is now, a practicing attorney in this village.

YORK resides in Liverpool, England.

COSAM T. was born April 3, 1837, and married Hettie, daughter of Dr. Smith, of Attica. He is a practicing lawyer in Attica.

WILLIAM M. and STEPHEN B. live in Warsaw, unmarried.

ELIAS R. BASCOM was born in Newport, N. H. He came from Benson, Vt., to Warsaw, in the autumn of 1821, and engaged in teaching vocal music. In the spring following, he engaged as a clerk in the store of Dr. Sheldon. In 1824, he married Lucy Hinman, at Castleton, Vt. About the same time he became a partner of Dr. Sheldon in trade. The partnership continued until it was dissolved by the death of Dr. Sheldon in March, 1828. Mr. Bascom continued the business until 1832 or 1833. He succeeded Dr. Sheldon as Postmaster, which office he held until 1841. He also held the office of Justice of the Peace for a term of four years, and other town offices. Mr. and Mrs. Bascom were members of the Presbyterian church. In 1848, he removed with his family to Lansing, Mich., where, a few years after, he died. Mrs. B. resides with a daughter in Iowa. They had eight children, as follows:

JAMES A., who married in Michigan, and resides there.

ELIZABETH, who married Horace Roberts, of Detroit, who was a Colonel in the late war, and was killed in battle.

LUCY JANE married Mr. Lauman, of Burlington, Iowa, and resides in that city.

ROLLIN was married, and died two or three years since, leaving a wife and one child.

ANSON learned the printer's trade, and went to the West.

LOUISA is supposed to reside in Burlington, Iowa.

LEMUEL HAYNES and HORACE died young in Lansing.

WILLIAM BINGHAM was born in Lempster, N. H., Aug. 7, 1799. He married Elizabeth Roe, and after her death, Betsey Knapp, who was born Dec. 8, 1808. He removed to this town in 1830, where he has since resided, with the exception of two intervals, the first from 1838 to 1839; the second from 1845 to 1850. He retired, Jan. 1, 1865, from what had been the principal business of his life, Hotel-keeping, in which he had served the public for thirty-six years in succession. He was widely known and liberally patronized, having acquired the reputation of keeping a first class house. Mr. Bingham had by his first wife two children: Mortimer, who died in infancy, and

MATILDA M., who married Daniel A. Knapp, and died Sept. 2, 1864, leaving three children, Charles M., William B., and James B.

His children by his second wife are

WILLIAM M., living in Warsaw, unmarried.

LUCIEN W., who married Lucy A. Bangs, of Georgetown, D. C., who died Aug. 15, 1867.

HILDAH married James O. McClure, and has two children, Ida and Frederick W. Mr. McClure commenced the Drug business in this village, April 1, 1867, in which he still continues.

MARYETTE A. is unmarried.

BENJAMIN BISHOP was born in Lancaster, N. H., Nov. 25, 1806. He came to Warsaw, West Hill, in 1824. He taught school winters for a few years, and worked at farming summers, which last business he has continued to the present time. He married Lydia B. Wakefield, by whom he had eleven children: Laura, Lucy E., John W., infants, John F., James D., Etta, Antoinette, died at 3, Flora A., Charles C., Addis E., Minnie.

JAMES D. and CHARLES C. served in the late war.

SANFORD L. BOUGHTON was born August 27, 1810, and married Maria A. Roberts. He came to this village in the year 1840. He was highly esteemed for his social and moral qualities. He ever manifested a deep interest in our public schools; and had been at the time of his death, a member of the Board of Education in this village, from the time of the incorporation of the Union School in 1853. He died Sept. 26, 1859. He had three children: William P., Ardelissa C., and Henry C.

WILLIAM P. was born May 8, 1840. He completed his school course in the Academy in this village, and was employed as one of its instructors. His duties as teacher were faithfully and ably discharged until compelled, by failing health, to relinquish his chosen pursuit. He died July 5, 1859, soon after he had completed his nineteenth year.

ARDELISSA C., born Jan. 19, 1844; died Sept. 28, 1862.

HENRY C., served an apprenticeship at printing in the office of H. A. Dudley, and resides in Missouri.

WILLIAM BRISTOL was born in Canaan, Columbia Co., N. Y., Aug. 19, 1775. He came to Gainesville, (then Batavia) in 1805, and assisted Wm. Peacock, a surveyor for the Holland Company, in surveying that township. He also cut open the north and south center road through the town. He settled at "The Creek," where he resided the remainder of his life. He was appointed in 1809, and again in 1811, by the Council of Appointment, a Justice of the Peace, for the town of Warsaw, before the formation of Gainesville. He served in the war of 1812, and was Lieutenant in Capt. Isaac Wilson's company of Cavalry. He was elected the first

Supervisor of Gainesville, in 1814, to which office he was elected at different times for five years; and was a member of the Assembly in 1823. He married Martha Stevens, of Worcester, Mass. Mr. Bristol died Jan. 4, 1859. Mrs. Bristol died Oct. 17, 1865. They had six children:

FRANCIS S., who married Merab Stone, and died in Warsaw, July 5, 1845. They had three children, Martha M., Sarah C., and Martin.

BENJAMIN F., born June 17, 1811, married Margaret A. Davis. They have six children: Joel W., James, Theodore, Corydon, Martin F., and Benjamin F., all living in Gainesville. Mr. Bristol has been Supervisor of Gainesville two years; Justice of the Peace twenty years, and elected for three terms (nine years) County Superintendent of the Poor.

MARY S. married John M. Lawrence. Their children were, Wm. B., who died in the war in 1863, and George D.

LAMIRA married George Harrington, and died Sept. 14, 1849. Their children are Augustus, a lawyer in Warsaw; George S., who resides in Lockport; Charles H., in Arizona Territory; and Francis S. B., in Nevada Territory.

WILLIAM. [See Sketch.]

LAURA married Corydon Doolittle, and died April 19, 1853.

WILLIAM BRISTOL, son of Wm. Bristol, previously mentioned, was born in Gainesville, March 7, 1821, and resided on the homestead of his father until the year 1868, his principal business having been that of a farmer. He has been five years Supervisor of Gainesville; several years a Justice of the Peace, Postmaster, and Deputy Sheriff; and in 1867 and 1868 represented this county in the Assembly. He removed in 1867 to this village, where he is engaged as a dealer in produce, of the firm of Hibbard & Bristol. He married, Jan. 12, 1843, Adelia M. Lockwood, and had three children, Laura L., Belle, and Caroline L. Mrs. Bristol having died, he married, Jan. 8, 1857, Martha J. Jewett, by whom he has a son, William.

ISAAC C. BRONSON was born Sept. 6, 1803, in Onondaga Co., whither his father removed from Connecticut in 1800, and thence to Ontario county in 1804. In 1823, he removed with his father to Sheldon, where the latter died the same year. He commenced the mercantile business in Sheldon, 1825, which, with the exception of two brief intervals, he has carried on, in partnership or alone, to the present time; having been interested in establishments in Sheldon, Wethersfield, Warsaw, and other places. In 1832 he removed



from Sheldon to Warsaw, and associated himself with Dr. Augustus Frank in trade. [See Merchants.] After his removal to Warsaw, he became interested also in the Leather and Shoe trade, which he carried on about ten years. He was one of the company who, in 1840, established the Woolen Factory in the south part of the village. [See Manufactures.] He was for several years Postmaster in this town. He was for many years joint owner of the grist-mill in the village. He took an active part in securing the construction of the Attica and Hornellsville railroad, and was a Director and one of the Executive Committee of the Company. In 1854 he removed to Rockford, Ill., where he has since been in the Dry Goods and Hardware trade, and is still interested in the latter, besides being engaged extensively in the cattle trade and farming. He married, Oct. 24, 1826, Calista Gates, daughter of Dea. Seth Gates, of Sheldon. They had eight children, as follows, besides Delia C., Maria E., and Charlotte E., who died in infancy.

SEYMOUR GATES, born Oct. 1, 1827, married Mary E. Gates, and is a Hardware merchant in Rockford, Ill. He had five children: Mary C., Charlotte E., d. inf., Frances E., Helen M., Willard S.

AUGUSTINE V., born Jan. 6, 1830, married Helen E. Austin. Children: Ada and Inez, twins, d. inf., and Henry A.

ARTHUR M., born Dec. 9, 1831, died May 2, 1861.

HENRY C., born Feb. 20, 1830, died Dec. 14, 1850.

CALISTA J., born Dec. 2, 1836, married George M. Smith, of Pike. Children: Frederic A., Mary C., Fannie G., Mabelle B., and Allen A.

THEODORE W., born Feb. 27, 1838.

MARY JENNETTE, born Feb. 2, 1844, married George W. Pratt, and has a son, Richard Bronson.

EMMA ELIZABETH, born Oct. 19, 1846, married Arthur D. Parker.

NEWBURY BRONSON removed to this town from Winchester, Conn., in 1838, and settled on West Hill, on the farm known as the Lyon farm. In 1855 he sold his farm, and removed to the village, where he resided until the time of his death. He was a member of the Congregational church, an exemplary Christian, and diligent in efforts for the abolition of slavery and the promotion of temperance and other objects of benevolence. He died June 6, 1861. He was born in Winchester, Conn., April 13, 1804, and married Lucy Tillotson, May 9, 1831. They had two children:



LUCY MARIA, who married Harlow Belden. They reside in Waterloo, Iowa, and have a daughter, Anna Florine.

TILLOTSON NEWBURY, who lives in Warsaw.

EDMUND BUCK was born in Arlington, Vt., Feb. 7, 1804. He married Nov. 15, 1828, Ane Noble, who was born June, 1806. They resided in Vermont until 1831, when they removed to Warsaw. Mr. Buck purchased a farm in the south-west part of the town, on which he still resides. He has been frequently elected to responsible offices in the town. They had five children:

MARY, who married John Kane, of Eagle. They reside in this town, and have had four children: Charles, Ane, Cynthia, and John, infant.

RANSOM, who married Chloe Foster, of Wethersfield, who died, having had one child, (inf.) He married for his second wife, Helen Shipman, by whom he has a daughter, Virginia.

MARCUS married Eliza Maranville, and has a son, Elmer Ellsworth.

ROLLIN married Pamelia Maranville.

CARRIE is unmarried.

NORRIS BULL, D. D., an early minister of the Presbyterian church in this town, was born in Harwinton, Conn., Oct. 24, 1790. He was a graduate of Yale College in 1813, and graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1818. He came in the summer of that year to Warsaw, under the patronage of the New York Young Men's Missionary Society. Early in 1821, he was called by the Presbyterian church of Geneseo, of which he continued pastor eleven years. In 1832 he became pastor of the church at Wyoming, and during the greater part of his pastorate there, he was also Principal of the Academy. In 1836, he was invited to Clarkson, where also he had charge of a church and an Academy. At the end of six years he chose to retire from the school; and in 1846, he resigned his pastoral charge. In the autumn of the same year, he accepted an invitation from the church at Lewiston, where he died, Dec. 7, 1847. In 1845, he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Union College. It is believed by those best acquainted with him, that few abler men have ever lived in Western New York. His mind, richly endowed by nature, was improved by thorough cultivation and rigid discipline. His extraordinary ability as a debater, though seldom displayed except in ecclesiastical bodies, is universally acknowledged by all who have heard him.

He married, June 9, 1819, Mary Ann Henry, of Saugatuck, Conn. They had four children.

WILLIAM BUXTON was born in Belchertown, Mass., Nov., 1783. In 1804, he was married to Lydia Smith, who was born Oct. 18, 1787. In 1811, he removed with his family from Belchertown to Orangeville, then Attica. About the year 1824, he removed to Warsaw, (West Hill,) thence to Wethersfield. After about two years' residence there, he came to the village of Warsaw, in 1831 or 1832, where he resided until his death. He had for several years previously to his last removal to Warsaw, made a public profession of his faith in Christ; and soon after his return to this town he united with the Presbyterian church. He was soon chosen as a Ruling Elder, which office he held during the rest of his life. Dea. Buxton was ever faithful in the discharge of religious duties. He possessed an equable temper and a contented mind. Though industrious and frugal, his acquisitions were small; scarcely less, however, than his desires. And though he had no worldly possessions to bequeath, he has transmitted to his children what they regard as of incomparably greater value, A GOOD NAME. Dea. Buxton also held for several years the office of Justice of the Peace in this town. He died Jan. 28, 1854. Mrs. Buxton died Aug., 1865. They had nine children, of whom two died young.

HARRIET, who married David Burr. They removed, several years after, to Conneautville, Pa., where Mr. Burr died in 1853. Their children were, 1. James, who married Julia Ann Andrews, in Warsaw, where he died in 1854. 2. Alanson, who married Betsey Chadwick, and has three children. 3. Mabel, who married Mr. Peabody, and resides in Conneautville, Pa. They have a daughter. 4. William, who died in 1855, aged about 21. 5. Achsah, who married Mr. Dibble, and has two daughters and a son.

PAMELIA married William Eddy, of Orangeville, where they have ever since resided. Their children are, 1. Lydia, who married Mr. Lockwood. Children, Hattie and Flora. 2. Hortensia, who married Charles Griffin. 3. Chauncey B., who married Miss Lockwood, and had two children; one died in infancy.

WILLIAM S. married for his first wife, Elizabeth Smith, by whom he had a son, Henry, who married Sarah Gardner, of Wethersfield, and has two children. He married a second wife, by whom he has three sons. Mr. Buxton is a Methodist preacher, and resides in Michigan.





*J. H. Burton.*

CHAUNCEY C. was born in Orangeville, April 3, 1813. He married Elizabeth Adams, and had seven children: 1. Helen, who became the second wife of Hon. Harlow L. Comstock, and died, leaving a daughter, Helen E. 2. Hattie, who died at 13. 3. William, now Druggist in Warsaw. 4. John A. 5, 6, 7, Marian, Charles, and Julia, all of whom died infants. Mr. Buxton was long associated with his brother, Timothy, in the carriage making business, and has held the office of Supervisor and other responsible town offices. He is now engaged in the Drug business, of the firm of Buxton & Lewis. Himself and wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

TIMOTHY H. [See T. H. Buxton.]

OTIS S. married Charlotte T. Sheldon, daughter of the late Dr. Chauncey L. Sheldon. Children: 1. Florence, who married Eugene Andrews, of Perry, and has a son, Clinton. 2. Gertrude, died an infant. 3. Charlotte. 4. Herbert, died in infancy. 5. Carrie. 6. Clarence. 7. Lilian. Mr. Buxton is Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, in Washington.

FRANKLIN married Martha Clark, of Batavia. He died in 1857, leaving a daughter, Hattie, who died in her 8th year. Mrs. Buxton resides in Batavia.

TIMOTHY H. BUXTON, son of Dea. Wm. Buxton, was born in Orangeville, July 9, 1815. His advantages for education were limited; but his native energy and business talent enabled him to overcome more than ordinary obstacles, and, in connection with an elder brother, to establish, and for many years to carry on, an extensive and successful business. [See p. 91.] He has also attained an honorable and influential position in society. He has several times been elected Supervisor of the town. He was for many years a Director of the Wyoming County Insurance Company. In 1849 he was elected Sheriff of Wyoming county, and discharged the duties of the office with the greatest promptness and fidelity. For his efficiency as a peace officer, he was often called "a terror to evil doers." Himself and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is also an Elder, and has been for nearly thirty years continuously, and is still, one of the Trustees of that Society. He has also actively coöperated in efforts for the suppression of intemperance, the maintenance of good order, and the promotion of the interests of morality and religion. He married Juliann Clark, of Batavia. Their children were as follows:

MARY C., who married Hon. Byron Healy, County Judge.

LUCY M., FRANCES JULIA, JOSEPH, EDWARD T., and HOMER



S. and HARLOW W., twins; the latter of whom died in infancy; the former at the age of 8 years.

DR. PETER CANER was born in Herkimer Co., Dec. 15, 1800. He graduated at the Fairfield Medical College in 1825, and practiced two years in partnership with Dr. Delos White, of Cherry Valley, with whom he had studied medicine. In 1827, he came to Warsaw, and soon acquired an extensive practice, which he retained until disabled by sickness a short time before his death. He died April 2, 1854. He married Harriet Holt, of Cherry Valley, by whom he had eight children, as follows:

EDWARD H., a physician, married Elizabeth C. Gregory, and had three children. He died near New York, May 20, 1855.

MARY E. died March 19, 1851, aged 21.

H. NELSON, married in Rockford, Ill., and is a physician in Freeport, Ill. He has two children.

GEORGE W. died aged 20; JOHN A., 1857, aged 21.

ROBERT JOHNSON is in the U. S. naval service, in the North Pacific Squadron.

LUCIEN W., died in infancy. HENRY C., died Jan. 31, 1862, aged 17.

CYRUS CAPEN was born in Windsor, Vt., April 19, 1798; married Delilah, daughter of Hezekiah Scovel, formerly of Warsaw. He still resides in this town. He had five children: 1. Matilda M., who married Alonzo Cleveland, and had three children, Charles H., died an infant; Cyrus N., and Samuel A. 2. Luman H., who married Theresa J. Lowry, and died at Shortsville, Ontario Co. 3. Amy R., died at 14. 4. Samuel S., married Ida L. Fearing, at Santa Anna, Ill., and has one child.

ERASMUS D. CARPENTER was born in Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N. Y., July 13, 1807. From Le Roy, where he had resided for a time, he removed to this village in 1831, and commenced the Grocery and Provision business, which he has continued, with the exception of one brief interval, until the present time. He married Lucy M. Knapp, of this town, who died Dec. 5, 1834. He married for his second wife Eliza A. L. Fargo, who died Feb. 9, 1854, and by whom he had four children:

FRANCIS M., who married Dexter C. Webb, and has three children.

LUCY ANN E., married James E. Davis, and resides at Richmond Hill, Canada.

HENRY H., married Love Luce, and resides in Lindon, Michigan.

SARAH J., married Charles E. Cornwell, and resides in Iowa. They have one child.

Mr. Carpenter married for his third wife, Mrs. Kate Mosher, of Warsaw.

AMMI H. CARPENTER was born in Oneida Co., Feb. 15, 1813. He married Eliza Van Deusen. They removed to Warsaw from Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1839. He was by trade a tin-smith; and during a large portion of the time of his residence in this village, he was engaged in the Stove and Tin business. He now resides in Aurora, Erie Co.

He had nine children: Myron B., Helen M., Mary, George, Buena V., Herrick H., Gertrude, Julia, and Carrie, who died March, 1860, at the age of 8 years.

OTIS F. CARPENTER was born in Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., Jan. 16, 1810. He was married to Margaret Van Allen. He came to Warsaw in 1831, and in connection with his brother, Erasmus D., commenced the Grocery and Provision business, in which he continued ten or twelve years. He subsequently engaged in, and still continues, the farming business, on East Hill, about two miles from the village. He has five children:

WALTER S., unmarried.

FRANKLIN, who married Abigail Nichols, of Perry.

ELLA, who married Frank Adams, merchant in Tioga, Pa., and has a son, Walter.

ALBERT, who lives in Geneseo; and EDDY.

ELIJAH CHAMBERLAIN was born April 13, 1783, and married Ruth Googins. They removed from Ludlow, Vt., to Warsaw, in 1828, and settled on the East Hill, where they lived until the time of their death. Mrs. Chamberlain died October 20, 1849. Mr. Chamberlain died June 23, 1860. They were connected with the Presbyterian church. They had nine children, as follows:

BETSEY, who married Asa Bryant, and had six children. The family removed many years ago to Wisconsin.

SARAH married Thomas Bliton. They removed some years since to Machias, Cattaraugus county. They had nine children.

POLLY died in her 18th year.

OLIVE married Thomas Kelly, and removed to Michigan. They had six children.

RUTH married Sheldon Bryant; lives in Great Valley, and has four children.

ELIJAH, Jun., born April 11, 1820, married Betsey Truesdell. Their children are, 1. Adelia V.; 2. Alla A., who married James H. Wing, and resides in Warsaw; 3. John T.; 4. Cora Isabel.

NANCY M. married Elon W. Chase. They live in Warsaw, and had four children: Edgar Adelbert, who married Lucy McWethy, and three who died young.

WILLIAM J. married Jennet Lake, of Perry, and resides there. They had four children.

GARDNER H. married Jane Lake of Perry, and died March 18, 1857, aged 29 years. They had two children. Gardner H. died March 18, 1857, aged 29.

RODERICK CHAPIN was born in Wilbraham, Mass., in 1766. He married Hephzibah Smith. They removed from Hampton to this town in 1815, and settled on West Hill, on the farm since owned by David Sammis. Having previously made a profession of their faith, they united with the Presbyterian church in this place; and for several years Mr. Chapin was one of its ruling elders. He died in Busti, Chautauqua county, August, 1842. His wife died in this town in March, 1840. They had ten children:

RODERICK, who married Sarah Clough. He was for many years a Methodist preacher, and was subsequently at different times connected with Cumberland Presbyterians and Wesleyan Methodists. He died in Chautauqua Co., in 1857; his wife, in Jan., 1856. They had seven children.

JOHN married, first, Betsey Waters, by whom he had a son, who is dead. He married, second, Lucy Wheelock, by whom he had eight children. He was a member of the Baptist church in Warsaw. He has removed West.

HARVEY married Martha Smith, who died. He married, second, Jane Hare, who died, leaving three children. Mr. Chapin was a Presbyterian minister; had preached at Alden and other places in Western New York. He perished in the flames of his dwelling-house in Tipton, Missouri, July 28th, 1866.

EBENEZER married, in Carroll, Chautauqua county, Maria D. W. Cady, by whom he had seven children. They are by profession Presbyterian.

WILLARD married Mrs. Adaline Brooks in Ohio. He died in Olivet, Mich. He had two children.

PARMELIA married Bela Bartlett, and died at Belmont, Allegany Co. They had seven children.

MARY H. married Isaac Hemmingway, and resides in Jamestown, N. Y. They had nine children.

OLIVER N. married Sarah Hobart, by whom he had nine children. Mr. Chapin is a minister of the gospel, and has long been, and is now, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Spartansburg, Pa.

REBECCA married John Lyon, of Busti. They had two children.

STEPHEN CHASE was born in Poplin, N. H., Jan. 7, 1762, and married Lois Ely. They removed to Warsaw about the year 1814, and settled in the north-west corner of the town, where they resided until they died. Their children were:

ABIAL, who married John Bean, and removed to Warsaw. They had seven children.

THOMAS, born July 3, 1782, married Rhoda Smith, and removed to Warsaw. They had five children: 1. Nancy. 2. Sally, who married Elias Judd, of Middlebury. 3. John, who resides on the Reddish farm two miles north of the village, and who married Bathsheba Marsh. He married, second, Mrs. Elvina Marsh, and had by her two children, Duane and George, who is dead. He married, third, Mrs. Alvina Smead, of Bethany. 4. David, who married Elizabeth Sammis, and had two children, both dead. He married, second, Matilda Taylor, who also is dead. 5. Jefferson, who married Sophia Porter, of Middlebury, since removed to Iowa. They have two children.

DAVID married and died in New Hampshire.

SARAH married John Smith and removed to Warsaw.

HANNAH married Benj. Bodge, and died in Batavia. They had four children.

STEPHEN, born July 6, 1796, married Betsey Hogle. Their daughter, Anna, married Enos Ingersoll, and died in Michigan. They had two children.

ELIZABETH married Almerin Curtis. They had fourteen or more children. Both parents and all but two or three of the children are dead.

JOHN F. CLARK was born in Pawlet, Vt., April 5, 1799. He came to Warsaw in 1811, and married Lydia Hatch, who died Dec. 22, 1825. He married for his second wife, Paulina Truesdell, by whom he had six children: Eber, Carlos, Sybil, Ozias, Horace, who died in his 8th year, and Walter.

EBER married Eleanor A. Bates, Jan. 1, 1857.

SYBIL married Ferris W. Norton. She died, leaving a daughter, Cora.

OZIAS married Fidelia Richards, May 14, 1856.

Mr. Clark married for his third wife, Rachel Richards, by whom he had a daughter, Alta E., who married Eugene Stearns.

ALONZO CHOATE was born in Middlebury, June 1, 1814. In 1836, he engaged as a clerk for his uncle, Roswell Gould, then a merchant at South Warsaw. After a clerkship of three years, he was a partner in the business two years. In 1845, Mr. Choate bought of Mr. Gould the store and goods at South Warsaw, and continued in trade there until 1854, when he removed to the village and traded one year. He was elected a Justice of the Peace in 1846, for the term of four years, and reelected in 1850; and in 1854, Supervisor. On the establishment of the Post-Office at South Warsaw, Feb., 1850, he was appointed Postmaster, which office he held several years.

Mr. Choate married Lucinda Truesdell, who died Aug. 14, 1842, aged 24. They had two children: Amina, who died at 12; and Eliza Jane, who married George M. Bassett, a printer in this village, and has a son, Hubert Alonzo.

Mr. Choate married for his second wife, Lucretia C., daughter of Silas C. Fargo. They reside in Warsaw.

NICHOLAS CLEVELAND was born in Fairhaven, Vt., June 26, 1793. He married Sarah Morris, of Hampton. He removed to Warsaw in 1825, and settled in the south-west part of the town, where he died in Jan., 1869. He served in the war of 1812. Both himself and wife in youth made a profession of their faith in the Savior, and united with the Methodist church. He has for many years been a local preacher. Mrs. Cleveland died many years ago. They had nine children:

WILLIAM, who married Amanda Henris. They had a daughter, Sarah, who married Dr. Waldron, who died in this town in 1866.

JOSIAH married Mary Rogers. Both have died.

ALONZO married Sally Truesdell, who died. He married, second, Matilda C. Capen, by whom he had three children: Charles H., d. inf., Cyrus N., and Samuel A.

BETSEY married Chauncey L. Stevens. They had two children: Ann Janette, who died at about 14, and George Henry.







*H. D. Conable*

URIAH married Hannah Loretta Munger, by whom he had three children, only one of whom, Charlotte, is living. Mrs. Cleveland died in 1863. Mr. Cleveland married, second, Arsino Jenison, of Gainesville.

CHESTER H. married, in Ohio, Miss Niles. They reside in Middlebury, and have one child, John.

LAURA L. married Nelson Baker, of this town. They reside in Wethersfield, and have three children, Alida, Emma, and Carrie.

JOHN M. married Orissa Shipman, and died.

HARLOW L. COMSTOCK was born in Groton, Tompkins Co., N. Y., Dec. 22, 1822. He removed to Warsaw in 1850; formed a partnership in the practice of law with James R. Doolittle, now Senator in Congress from Wisconsin. The partnership continued one year. He continued the practice of his profession here until 1868. He was elected District Attorney for Wyoming County in November, 1850, and re-elected in November, 1863. In November, 1855, he was elected County Judge for the constitutional term of four years; was re-elected in 1859, and again in 1863, having held the office during a period of twelve years. He was a Lawyer of decided ability, and had a successful practice. He also acquired a high reputation as a Judge. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder. In the spring of 1868 he removed to Canandaigua, where he continues in the practice of his profession. He married for his first wife, Jane O. Ives, by whom he had three children: Martha Jane, Catharine, and Anna Laura. He married in Warsaw, for his second wife, Helen Buxton, daughter of Chauncey C. Buxton. She died, leaving a daughter, Helen Elizabeth. He married for his third wife, Cordelia Shepard.

BENJAMIN B. CONABLE, son of Rufus Conable, was born in Gainesville, April 24, 1821. He remained at home, working on his father's farm, and enjoying only ordinary educational advantages afforded by the district school, until he was fifteen years of age. He then engaged with his uncle, Samuel Conable, of South Warsaw, at the Woolen Manufacturing business, in which he continued four years. He was next employed by Wm. K. Crooks, in his Carding and Cloth Dressing establishment in this village; and after one year's service, he became a partner, and continued as such for one year. In the spring of 1843, he bought a farm in Gainesville, and pursued the farming business with good success for about

twelve years, having also, for several seasons, bought and sold considerable quantities of wool. In 1855, he purchased the farm of Newbury Bronson, formerly known as the Lyon farm, two miles south-west of the village, on which he still resides. However others of his vocation may complain, he has made farming profitable, having acquired more than a comfortable independence. On the breaking out of the rebellion, he was among the first to engage in measures to aid in its suppression. Although unable, from physical disability, to take the field himself, he gave liberally to the volunteers and their families. He came forward promptly at every call, and at a later day, when the authorities had to raise large sums of money, he allowed his name to be used for that purpose. He was married, Feb. 1, 1843, to Salvira Morris, daughter of the late Solomon Morris, Jun. They have a daughter, Helen S., who married Hiram D. Truesdell, son of John Truesdell, (not the late John Truesdell, of South Warsaw.) They have two children, Barber C. and Hiram Walter, and reside near the residence of Mr. Conable, on the farm formerly owned by the late Nathan Scovel.

ESEK COOK was born in Middlebury, Vt., Sept. 26, 1797, and removed when young to Wallingford, where he married Lucinda White, born in 1801. He removed to Warsaw about thirteen years ago. He had six children:

CORDELIA married Gilbert Clark, and resides in Gainesville. Their children are, Edwin, Oscar, James, and Lucinda.

SOPHIA married Jerome Hoisington. Their children are, Burdette, died at 18, and Mary.

MELINDA married James R. Smith, and has a son, Frank.

LAURA ANN married Eli Peck. Children: 1. Helen, 2. Alvin, who married Amanda Shipman, and has two children.

ARABEL married James Fullington, who is a partner in the firm of Knapp, Fullington & Co., Carriage Makers and Blacksmiths in this village. He has a son, Henry.

LORENZO married Lucy Jane White, and lives in Warsaw.

Mrs. Cook died July 15, 1851, and Mr. Cook married Celestia Macklem, and resides in this village.

BROUGHTON W. CRANE was born in Richmond, Cheshire Co., N. H., Dec. 16, 1797. He removed from Hamilton, N. Y., to Warsaw, in 1833, in the south-west part of the town, on the farm formerly owned by Newton Hawes. He married Asenath Martin, of Richfield, N. Y. Early in life he united with the Baptist church in Hamilton, and has held the office of Deacon in the church in Warsaw; of which his wife also is a member. They have two children:







*R. A. Grippen,*

BYRON, who married Marjie Foster, of Wethersfield, and resides in this town. They had five children: Broughton Wm., died at 10; Ida, (inf.,) Frank F., Asenath Ann, and Charles Byron.

MARY ANN married Ormus Marshall, of Wethersfield, who purchased a farm on West Hill, where he now resides.

RANSOM B. CRIPPEN was born at Fort Ann, N. Y., Dec. 28, 1804, and married in 1829, Harriet Demell. He resided successively at Batavia, Wyoming, and Wethersfield. In Nov. 1848, he was elected Clerk of this county for the term of three years. After a residence here of about twelve years, he engaged in August, 1861, as a Clerk in the Department of the Interior, at Washington, where he died, Feb. 26, 1868. He was for many years an esteemed member of the Baptist church. Mrs. Crippen and the younger children still reside in Washington. They had four children: Ransom A., Arthur Willis, Mary Elizabeth, and Ellery Hicks, of whom only the eldest is married.

RANSOM A. CRIPPEN son of Ransom B. Crippen, was born Dec. 18, 1830, in Middlebury, and married, Sept. 10, 1851, Ruth D. Hicks, of Perry, who was born Jan. 27, 1829, in Palmyra, Wayne county. He was several years engaged as clerk and as proprietor in the mercantile business in this village; and in 1864, was elected Clerk of the County, which office he held for the constitutional term of three years. He is at present (1869) a Fire Insurance Agent and a Real Estate Broker. He has three children: Arthur W., Mary E., and Ellery H.

JAMES CROCKER was born in Vermont. He was admitted to the practice of Law before his removal to Warsaw. He came to this town about the year 1820. After a residence here of a few years, he married Emma Lane, of Pawlet, Vt. They had a number of children, all of whom, except one, died in infancy. In 1833 or 1834, they removed to Buffalo, where he lost, by death, first his daughter, Mary Electa, aged 8 years, and Sept. 11th, 1849, his wife. Mr. Crocker, although never highly distinguished in his profession, was one of the safest of Counselors, and was universally regarded as an "honest lawyer." He was for many years in Warsaw, and afterwards in Buffalo, an exemplary member and Elder in the Presbyterian church. He died in Buffalo, Feb. 4, 1861. His body, as had been those of his wife and children, was buried in Warsaw.

JOHN CROCKER was born in Vermont, May 31, 1797, came to Warsaw in or about the year, 1818, and established himself in business as a Hatter. He here married, Ardelizza Dryer. Soon after he came to Warsaw, he made a profession of his faith in the Savior, and manifested, during the remainder of his life, the genuineness of that faith, by a life of active piety. He was an efficient supporter of the institutions of the church, and a member of the various benevolent and reformatory associations. He was in 1831 chosen a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church, which office he exercised until his removal from Warsaw. He relinquished the business of his trade, and removed to Arcade, where he died June 31, 1844. His widow, an exemplary Christian lady, is still living. They had four children:

WILLIAM, who spent a few years in the South, in teaching. After his return and a short residence in Warsaw, he went to Buffalo, where he married Eleanor, daughter of Aaron Rumsey. She died, leaving two children, William and Nellie. He married a second wife, who also is dead. He married a third wife, who died in 1868. He still resides in Buffalo.

JAMES married Charlotte Parmele, daughter of the late Rev. Abial Parmele. His health failing, he visited the south in the vain hope of its recovery. He died soon after his return. Mrs. Crocker resides in Westfield.

HARRIET married Dr. James L. Enos, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They had two daughters, Lucy Amelia and Lucy Fisher, both dead.

JOHN JERMAIN resides at Council Bluffs, Iowa.

JONAS CUTTING was born in Shaftsbury, Vt., Aug. 19, 1782. He came to Warsaw in the year 1804, and married Lovina Fargo, who was born April 23, 1791. They were married in Warsaw, and settled on his farm a mile and a fourth south of the village, where Helon S. Taber now resides. They had six children.

DAVID PARKER, who married Sarah A. Smith, and removed to Erie county, Pa., where he was killed by the fall of a tree. He had four children.

CHAUNCEY Z., married Sally, daughter of Simeon Gibson. They had five children: Romanzo B., Mary L., who died at 18; Ellen M., Chauncey G., who died in the hospital at Vicksburg, Nov. 1864; and Sarah. Mrs. Cutting died, and Mr. Cutting married a second wife, by whom he had a daughter, Carrie. He died Sept. 1, 1867.

MARY L., married James R. Doolittle. [See J. R. Doolittle.]





*J. H. Darling.*



JEROME B., married Louisa Moss, and resides in Wisconsin. Children: Nathaniel M., died at 5; Jonas, and Jared.

MARQUIS F., married Delia Doolittle, and resides in Racine, Wis. Children: Corydon D., Delia, Myraette, died at 8; and Sarah.

Jonas Cutting died in 1860 at Racine, Wis., where Mrs. Cutting still resides.

JOSHUA H. DARLING is a native of Henniker, N. H., and a son of the late Judge Joshua Darling of that place. At the age of 16, he engaged as a clerk, and soon after as a partner, with a brother-in-law, in the mercantile business. In 1830, he left New Hampshire for the West; and calling on a friend, the Hon. G. W. Patterson, then residing in Leicester, with whom he visited Warsaw, he made a temporary engagement as a clerk for Dr. Augustus Frank. In the fall of that year, he became a partner with A. W. Young—then in the mercantile business—under the firm of A. W. Young & Co. After the dissolution of this firm in 1831 or 1832, he continued the business, single, with the exception of one or two brief periods, for about twenty years. He maintained the reputation of an "honest dealer;" and his success is to be attributed mainly to his close attention to business and prudent management. The necessity of a Bank in Warsaw having long been felt by the citizens of this county, Mr. Darling established, as an individual banker, the Wyoming County Bank, under the general banking-law of this state, and managed its operations, with great financial skill, during its existence as a state institution. [See Banks.] He is universally esteemed as a citizen. He has been associated with the earliest friends of the temperance and antislavery causes, and has steadily co-operated in efforts for the promotion of good morals, and the interests of education and religion, and the general improvement of society. He united with the Presbyterian church in this place, and was one of the number from that church who, in 1840, formed the Congregational church and society. To the objects and enterprises of this organization he has, from his ample means, been a large contributor.

Joshua H. Darling was born Sept. 5, 1808; and was married, Feb. 23, 1832, to Lueretia Frank, daughter of John Frank, of Granville, by whom he had seven children: Mary E., William Henry, John Harrison, Julia L., James B., Emily M., Frances I.

MARY E. married Henry B. Jenks, late Cashier of Wyoming County National Bank. They have three children: Edward, Laura, Harrison.

WILLIAM HENRY died at Amherst College, Dec. 5, 1853, aged 18 years.

J. HARRISON was for several years Cashier of the Wyoming County Bank, and died Jan. 24, 1864, in his 27th year.

JULIA L. married Dr. Edward W. Jenks, and died April, 1866. Dr. Jenks is a Professor in the Detroit Medical College, Mich.

JAMES B. died in infancy.

EMILY M. married Gerard Bills, who served in the late war, and is now a practicing attorney in Indianapolis, Ind.

FRANCES I. married John W. Curtis, a graduate of Rochester University, and resides at Grand Haven, Mich.

Mrs. Lucretia Darling died Dec. 17, 1844. Mr. Darling married for his second wife, Laura E. Mosher, a daughter of Rev. Mr. Mosher, of Ontario Co., June 19, 1845, by whom he had seven children: Margaret A., who married James W. Chapman, and resides in Warsaw; Laura E., Edward M., Grace, Kate, Alice, Frederick W.

Mrs. Laura E. Darling died Jan. 1, 1862. Mr. Darling married for his third wife, Clara B. Beebe, of Litchfield, Conn., Aug. 4, 1862.

ALBERT G. DAVIDSON was born in Springfield, Bucks Co., Pa., Dec. 2, 1803, and was married to Cynthia Clark. They removed from Friendship, Allegany Co., to this town, in March, 1841. Mr. D. is of Scotch parentage, and a member of the Presbyterian church, as is also his wife. They had six children: Susan, died in infancy; Mary Jane, Emma Louisa, died at 3; James M., Emma Isabella, died at 3; and Franklin Clark.

MARY JANE married Wm. W. Patterson, and has a daughter, Jennie M.

JAMES M. served in the late war. He was Sergeant, Co. I., 14th Regiment, N. Y. Heavy Artillery; enrolled at Rochester, Dec. 16, 1863; discharged May 12, 1865, by special order, No. 210 of War Department. He was all through Grant's campaign in Virginia, from the battle of the Wilderness until after Lee's surrender. His Regiment belonged to Burnside's Corps.

DAVIDSON, JAMES J., was born in Quakertown, Hunterdon Co., N. J., Nov. 29, 1807, and married Lucy M. Comstock. They removed to Warsaw from Friendship, in 1841. They belong to the Presbyterian church. They had eight children: Calvin C., William M., Laura A., Rowena, Thomas C., Eliza Jane, Charles C., and James Clarence.

CALVIN C. married Mary Hurd of Cairo, Ill., and has a daughter, Alice L. He is a wholesale grocer in that city.

WILLIAM M. married Ann Helby, of Cairo, and has a son, William H. They reside in Cairo.

The others reside in Warsaw with their parents.

ELKANAH DAY was born in Attleborough, Mass., Feb. 3, 1761; and married Polly McWhorter, in Granville, March 17, 1788. He removed from Granville with his family to this town in 1806, and settled near where the Brick Hotel now stands. He was by trade a blacksmith, and was the first in town. He subsequently bought a farm on West Hill, to which his family removed after his death. He was a worthy man and a highly respected citizen. In 1810 he was appointed a justice of the peace, and an assistant justice of the county court, which offices he held for several years. He joined the Presbyterian (then Congregational) church soon after its organization; his wife was one of the ten of which it was formed, in 1808. He had attained the rank of Colonel, though he was not in the war of 1812. He died Jan. 23, 1813, of the epidemic, elsewhere noticed. Mrs. Day died in 1819. They had twelve children:

CHLOE married Newton Hawes, who settled on the farm on which Dea. Crane now resides. Mrs. Hawes died March 26, 1824, aged 35 years. Mr. Hawes removed with his family to Ohio. His children were, Isaac, Polly, John, Horace, Elkanah, Lydia, and Enoch. Horace studied law with the well-known Alvan Stewart, of Utica; was District Attorney of Erie Co., Pa., and under President Polk, Consul at the Sandwich Islands. He afterwards settled at San Francisco, Cal., and has acquired a very large fortune. He visited Warsaw a few years since, and procured the erection of a fine monument to his grand parents and their children—the family of Col. Day.

LYDIA married Wm. Webster, and died without children.

BETHIAH, born Feb. 20, 1793, married David Fargo. [See D. Fargo.]

ARTEMAS, born Dec. 5, 1794; died Oct. 12, 1823, unmarried.

DAVID removed to Olean, where he married twice, and had several children. He held there the offices of justice of the peace, associate judge of the county court, and postmaster. He died there a few years since.

HIRAM, born Jan. 7, 1799; died in 1820.

ELIPHAL, born Sept. 28, 1801, died in 1824.

ISABEL, born Aug. 8, 1803; died in 1824.

JOHN, born March 25, 1806; died in 1827.

ELKANAH went to Olean, married, resided at and near that place for many years, and had several children. He now resides in Minnesota.

POLLY married John A. McElwain. [See John A. McElwain.]

JAMES R. DOOLITTLE was born in Hampton, Washington Co., N. Y., Jan. 3, 1815, and removed with his father to Orangeville (now Wethersfield,) in 1819. He is a graduate of Hobart College, Geneva, and studied law with Hon. Addison Gardiner, of Rochester, Judge and Lieutenant-Governor. In 1841, after the formation of the county of Wyoming, and the location of the county seat at Warsaw, Mr. Doolittle having formed a partnership with Linus W. Thayer, Esq., in the practice of Law, they settled in Warsaw. In 1845, the partnership was dissolved. In 1847, Mr. Doolittle was elected District Attorney for the term of three years. In 1850, he formed a partnership with Harlow L. Comstock, Esq., and in 1851, he removed to Racine, Wis. He was soon elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of the state; and before the expiration of his term, he resigned his office, and resumed his practice at the bar. He was subsequently elected by the Legislature senator in Congress, and took his seat in March, 1857; and was reelected for a second term, which will expire in March, 1869. Mr. Doolittle, during his residence in Warsaw, united with the Baptist church in this place, and has since that time continued his connection with a church of that order.

Mr. Doolittle married Mary L. Cutting, of Warsaw. They had six children: Henry J., who died in the late war; Anson O., who married Bessie Jones, and resides in New York city; James R., Silas W., Mary M., and Sarah L.

HARWOOD A. DUDLEY was born at Union Village, Washington Co., N. Y., April 5, 1825, and removed with his father to Perry in 1831. In 1848, he came to Warsaw, and engaged as foreman in the printing office of the Wyoming County Mirror, of which he subsequently became a joint proprietor. He afterwards sold his interest in the Mirror, and bought the Western New Yorker establishment; and a few years after became sole proprietor of the Mirror, which, in 1864 was merged in the New Yorker, then published by Wm. H. Merrill, and from that time to the present by Dudley & Merrill. He has held the several offices of Loan Commissioner, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and Secretary of the Wyoming Agricultural Society, many years. In Novem-



ber, 1868, he was elected County Treasurer. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and a friend and supporter of the various benevolent and Christian enterprises of the day. He was a member of the first Company raised in Warsaw to suppress the rebellion. He was elected Lieutenant. [See War History.] He was after his return from the army Deputy Provost Marshal for this District.

He married Sarah Jane Hogarth, of Geneva. They have had six children: Edward H., who was born June 8, 1851, and died April 8, 1860; William F., Jennie, Mary, Martha, Anna, and Elizabeth, of whom Jennie and Anna died in infancy.

NEHEMIAH FARGO was born in Bozra, Conn., Jan. 10, 1764. He was married, June, 1783, to Mary Chapman, born Dec. 25, 1764. They resided there about ten years; then, successively, at Colchester and Hebron, in Connecticut; Sandisfield and Great Barrington, Mass., and at Green River and Geneseo, N. Y.; and came to Warsaw in 1804, and settled on the place where his son, Allen, resides, and where he continued to reside until his death, Oct. 13, 1828. His wife died Dec. 12, 1839. He was a member of the Baptist church. They had eight children: Silas C., David, Lovina, Martha, Palmer, Alpheus, (drowned in 1804, aged 4 or 5 years,) Allen, Polly, who died at 3. Lovina married Jonas Cutting; Maria married John H. Reddish. [See Sketch.]

SILAS C. FARGO was born in Montville, New London Co., Conn., June 15, 1784. He married in Warsaw, March 2, 1806, Catharine Whiting, born Feb. 4, 1786. This was the first couple married in this town; and the marriage was solemnized by Elizur Webster, Esq., the first settler and the first justice of the peace in this township, then a part of the town of Batavia. Mr. Fargo came in with his father in 1804, and continued to reside here until 1867, when he removed to Fond du Lac, Wis., where Mrs. Fargo died, Dec. 5, the same year. They were for many years connected with the Methodist church in Warsaw. They had ten children:

IRENE A. was born Dec. 5, 1806; died April 3, 1831.

WILLIAM N. married Sarah A. Rich, and removed many years ago to Fond du Lac, Wis., and has six children.

ALPHEUS W. married Rebecca Freer, and has removed to Chatfield, Minn. He had two children.

ANGELINE H. married Smith Bebens. They live in Illinois, near the city of Beloit, Wis., and had eight children.

CAROLINE F. married John Morgan, who is dead. She lives in Mt. Morris, and has two children.



LUCRETIA C. is second wife of Alonzo Choate. [See A. Choate.]

ELIZA ANN L. married Erasmus D. Carpenter. [See Sketch.]

ALLEN D., born Jan. 24, 1819, married Isabel Perkins, and has two daughters, Helen and Julia.

SILAS T., born May 5, 1821, married Rhoda Cochran. After her death he married Charlotte Hinman. They have a son, Charles.

DAVID FARGO was born in Montville, Conn., Oct. 31, 1786. He came to Warsaw with his father in 1804, and was one of the first settlers of the town. For many years he resided on his farm, about one and a half miles north of the village. He was a Deacon of the Baptist church. He afterwards united with the Congregational church. The last years of his life were spent in the village, having retired from business. He married in Warsaw, Sept. 9, 1810, Bethiah Day, who was born Feb., 1793, and who died May 11, 1814. They had two children: David W., born Aug., 7, 1811, died Feb. 10, 1814, and Polly.

POLLY married Chauncey Kimball, in this town. They have since resided in Springville and Boston, Erie county, and now reside in Baraboo, Wis. They had eight children, of whom seven are living. Mr. Fargo married for his second wife, Phebe Mason, Oct. 9, 1864, by whom he had ten children; two died infants.

DAVID MASON, who married Sarah Ann Wilson, and now resides in Saginaw, Mich. They had eight children.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, who married Maria Bloomfield, in Springfield. They have three children: Helen, Charles, and May. He was for many years a merchant in Warsaw, and is now engaged in the produce and grocery business.

DARIUS C. married Harriet Perkins, and resides in California. They had two children; one, Le Roy, is living.

MYRON L. married Mary Smith, daughter of Henry W. Smith, of Middlebury, and has a son, Henry. He is a farmer in that town.

FRANCIS F. married Mariett Perry, daughter of Jonathan Perry, of Middlebury. They removed to California, where Mr. Fargo was for some years editor of a newspaper, and was a member of the legislature. He has returned to this state. He has two children living: Eva and Gertrude.

ADALINE S. married Norman J. Perry, of Middlebury, many years the keeper of the North Hotel in this village. He died in 1867. Their children were Ada Blanch, who died at 6 years, and Sebert Courtney.

HARRISON and HARRIET, twins. Harrison married, first, Maria Briggs; second, Laura Whalon. He has one child. Harriet married Charles L. Seaver. [See Sketch.]

David Fargo died May 16, 1855. Mrs. Fargo, his wife, died Jan. 21, 1850.

PALMER FARGO was born in Sandisfield, Mass., Sept. 21, 1796, and came to this town with his father in 1804. He married Caroline W. Scovel. In 1818 he settled on the farm on which he now resides, in the north part of the town. They had twelve children; two d. inf.

MARY A. married Burton French and lives in Bennington. Their children are, 1. Palmer O., who married Nancy Melvin, and now resides in Chicago. 2. Ira, who married Huldah Clapp, of Bennington, and has a son. 3. Sylvia, who married Mr. Wade, and resides in Burton, Mich. 4. Franklin B. 5. 6. Romanzo and Romine, twins.

ADONIRAM J. married Eliza Waterman, and resides in Gainesville. They had four children: 1. 2. Orinda and Clarinda, twins. Orinda died at 9. Clarinda married Dorson Bently. They reside in Warsaw, and have a son. 3. Anson, died at 3. 4. Judson.

HEZEKIAH S. married Henrietta Hill. They reside in Perry.

NEHEMIAH married Jane Green, of Michigan. He died at the age of 26. She married James Adams, of Marion, and died in Michigan.

LOVINA C. married Robert Snow, now a practicing lawyer in Belfast, Allegany county. They had four children: De Lamont, who died young; Helen, Laura, and Scott F.

CLARINDA D. died at the age of 14 years.

FLORILLA O. married Albert Green. They live in Howell, Mich., and have had eight children.

WEALTHY L. married Wm. J. Parsons, a lawyer at St. Cloud, Minn., and have had five children; three are living.

PALMER C. occupies the homestead with his father, in the north part of the town. He married Sarah, daughter of Wm. Coburn. They had two children: Luella, d. inf., and Ada C.

ROMANZO H. died in Warsaw, at the age of 19.

Mrs. Caroline W. Fargo died Nov. 26, 1849. Mr. Fargo married for his second wife, Mrs. Lurana Barber, of Gainesville, who died Aug. 18, 1861. For his third wife he married Lorenda Cady, of East Otto, N. Y.

ALLEN FARGO was born in Barrington, Mass., April 4, 1802, came to Warsaw with his father, in 1804, and married Polly Marchant, Oct. 30, 1822. Their children were, 1. John M., who married Betsey Throop, and removed to Iowa. They

have one son. 2. Marvin N., who married Hannah Dewins. They have three children. 3. Lucia Amelia, who married Chester A. Cole, and has four children: Mary, John, Charles, Emma. 4. Wheeler H. who married, first, Miss Sombeer, and had a son who died at the age of 5 or 6. He married, second, Phila Wilkin, by whom he had two children: an infant and Florence. He died April 27, 1863. 5. Walter Bailey, who married Sarah Covell, and has three children: Adelbert, William, and a daughter. 6. Mary Jane, d. inf. 7. Polly, who died in her 11th year.

ELBERT E. FARMAN was born in New Haven, Oswego county, April 23, 1831, and removed to Gainesville in 1848. He graduated at Amherst College in 1855, having "worked" his way through his educational course. He came to Warsaw the same year, and commenced the study of law with F. C. D. McKay, Esq., and has from that time to the present resided in this village, continuing in the practice of his profession. In 1859 and 1860, he was joint proprietor and editor of the *Western New Yorker*. From 1865 to 1867, he was in Europe; a large proportion of the time being spent in the Universities of Heidelberg and Berlin in the study of the law and the language of the country. His letters from Europe written for the *New Yorker*, were read with interest. After his return, he was appointed by Gov. Fenton, District Attorney in the place of Byron Healy elected County Judge; and was elected in November, 1868, to the same office which he now holds. On becoming a resident of this town, he transferred his relation to the church in Amherst to the Congregational church of Warsaw, with which himself and wife are still connected. He married Lois Parker, of Gainesville, Dec. 24, 1855, who was born in June, 1832.

JAMES C. FERRIS was born in Rensselaer county, March 4, 1794, and was married in Albany, March 5, 1818, to Alida Wynkoop. He removed thence to Wyoming in 1821, and established himself in the mercantile business. His was, it is believed, the second store kept in that place, and the first which comprised a stock adequate to the wants of the people of that village and vicinity. After a large and prosperous trade there for nearly 34 years, he removed to Warsaw, in 1855, and became proprietor of the grist-mill in the village. He was for some time a partner in the Drug business in Warsaw; also in the Dry Goods business. In 1866, he sold his property in this village, and removed to Minneapolis, Minn.; thence to Buffalo, in 1867, and in 1868 he returned to this



*E. E. Farman*





place, having purchased a residence on Buffalo street. He held for several years the office of Supervisor of the town of Middlebury; and in 1843, was appointed an associate Judge of the County Court. He had ten children:

JAMES W. married Emily Stoddard, and resides in Wyoming. He has seven children.

ANDREW J. died at Wyoming, at the age of 25.

CHARLES EDWARD married Matilda Jane McNulty, of Elmira, and resides in Attica. He has one child living, Tillie.

ROBERT D. married Justine B. Rathbone, of Le Roy, and is in the hardware business in New York. He has two children: Lucy, and Kate R.

ELIZABETH married Charles M. Tyrrell, of Wyoming. They removed to Minneapolis, Minn., where she died. They had three children; one, Frank, is living.

MARTIN V. B., unmarried, lives at Spencerport, Monroe county.

MARY married John I. Black. They live in Minneapolis, and have had four children: Jessie Isabel, John Ferris, Thomas, died at 3, and James Charles.

ISABEL, unmarried, resides in Warsaw.

ALIDA married John R. Blodgett, and lives in Buffalo.

DEA. JOHN FISHER removed to Warsaw from Londonderry, N. H., in the year 1834. He was a descendant of one of the early settlers of that town, emigrants from Londonderry, Ireland, about the year 1720, and of the class of people usually distinguished as the "Scotch," or "Protestant Irish." He was born in Londonderry, Jan. 9, 1769, and married, Oct. 24, 1798, Betsey Dean, who was born June 24, 1776. Dea. Fisher settled on the farm previously owned by Samuel McWhorter, in the south part of the village, and at present by Samuel Fisher, 2d. He died Oct. 13, 1858. Mrs. Fisher died Nov. 20, 1858. They had nine children, all born in Londonderry, as follows:

LUCY C., and BETSEY, who are unmarried.

NATHANIEL DEAN, born March 15, 1804, married Almira Gage, of Londonderry. He removed to Warsaw, and was for several years engaged in the boot and shoe trade. He removed to Gault, Canada, and established a foundry for the manufacture of stoves and other castings. He subsequently removed to Hamilton, and for several years carried on the wholesale leather trade. In 1866, he returned with a competence, and purchased a residence on Buffalo street, where he now resides. He has two children: Armina E., and William P., a graduate

of Amherst College, and now studying for the ministry in Union Theological Seminary in New York.

JOHN. [See Sketch.]

SAMUEL was born May 18, 1808, and removed to this town in 1828. He married, June 10, 1834, Armina Dryer, who died Aug. 27, 1835. He married for his second wife, March 8, 1838, Lucy S. Woodward, by whom he had three children: 1. James Ellis, resides in Hannibal, Missouri. 2. Phineas D. 3. John C. Mrs. Fisher died Sept. 17, 1853. Mr. Fisher was married March 20, 1855, to Mrs. Lucy M. Phillips, of Baton Rouge, La., whose first husband was Phineas D. Fisher. She was for many years Principal of a Young Ladies' Seminary in that city. Mr. Fisher has been a Justice of the Peace in this town eight years, and held other town offices. He has been for many years a member of the Presbyterian church, and is one of its ruling elders.

PHINEAS D. was born Dec. 6, 1810. He went from Warsaw to Baton Rouge, where he married, Dec. 25, 1838, Lucy M. Woodruff. He died there in 1843, leaving two sons, John P. and George A., both of whom died in this town.

JAMES P., born Jan. 1, 1813, was a graduate of Union College and of Andover Theological Seminary, and was licensed as a minister by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, in 1840 or 1841. He married, May 11, 1841, Anna Van Santvoord, of Schenectady. He labored as pastor or stated supply at Johnstown, Westfield, and other places. After the termination of his pastorate in Westfield, and before the close of the war, he went to Virginia in the employ of the Christian Commission. In the second year of his service there, he was compelled by his exhaustive labors to retire from the field, and return to the North for recuperation. Stopping at Little Britain, Orange Co., N. Y., with a relative, he was prostrated by sickness, contracted, probably, at the South, from which he did not recover. He died Aug. 30, 1865. His son, and only child, Samuel V. S., has lately graduated at Oberlin College, O.

CALEB E. was born May 13, 1815; is a graduate of Oberlin College, and is also a minister of the gospel. He has ministered to Congregational churches in Arcade and West Bloomfield in this state, and in Andover and Lawrence, Mass. He is now in the place last mentioned. He married, Aug. 29, 1844, Mary Hosford. They have had four children: John M., Mary Elizabeth, Catharine Almira, and Alice G., who died young.

MARY A. was born May 14, 1817; married John S. Peck, of West Bloomfield, whence they removed a few years since to Oberlin, O., where they now reside. Their children are Emily, Mary Anna, John F., and Edward W.





John Fisher.

Having enjoyed the advantages of religious training, and been instructed in the faith of their ancestors, the children of Deacon Fisher all became members of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN FISHER, son of Dea. John Fisher, was born March 13, 1806, and removed to Warsaw in 1827. After a few years' residence in this town and elsewhere, he engaged in the mercantile business at LaGrange, in this county, then Genesee, in which business he continued about two years. In 1835, he removed to Hamilton, Canada, and established himself in the Cast Iron Foundry business, which he carried on very extensively and successfully for many years. He was for some time Mayor of that city. In 1855, he returned to this state, with an ample fortune, and settled in the village of Batavia, where he now resides. While he is actively employed in works of usefulness and Christian benevolence, he is no less distinguished for the liberality of his pecuniary contributions. He is an exemplary member of the Presbyterian church, and one of its ruling elders. He was one of the Committee appointed by the legislature to superintend the building of the State Asylum for the Blind, recently erected at Batavia. And at the last election, (1868,) he was chosen a Representative in the Forty-first Congress. He married, Sept. 18, 1833, Catharine W. Blanchard, a daughter of Rev. Abijah Blanchard, well known to many of the early settlers of Western New York. He had eight children: 1. John B., who died in Canada, at the age of 21; 2. William P., who married after the return of the family to this state, and soon after his marriage removed to Hamilton, Canada, and died there. Of the other six, five died in infancy. A son, Henry, only survives.

SAMUEL FISHER, son of Ebenezer Fisher, was born in Londonderry, N. H., Dec. 1, 1801. He married, April 15, 1834, Caroline Pillsbury, and removed to this town in Nov., 1834, and for several years carried on the manufacture of Fanning Mills. He then purchased the farm in the northeast part of the town on which he now resides. Mr. Fisher and wife belong to the Presbyterian church, of which he is also an elder. They have five children: Caroline, Samuel M., Mary W., Helen A., and Frank M.

CAROLINE married Stephen B. Barden, and has one child living. They reside in Batavia.

SAMUEL M. resides with his father on the homestead. He served in the late war. [See War History.]



HELEN A. married Willard Barden, and resides in Brooklyn. They have two children, Fanny, and an infant, living.

WILLIAM FLUKER and Elizabeth Wood, his wife, were born in Ireland. They emigrated to this country in 1820, and removed to Warsaw in 1824, and settled in the south-east part of the town, where Mr. Fluker died Aug. 28, 1866. They had eight children:

JANE married Nicholas Beach, and removed to Indiana. They had ten children, of whom ten are living. He died in 1865.

SARAH married Matthew Warner, of Castile. They have a daughter, Esther, who married Mr. Beach, a merchant in that town.

JAMES married Sarah Jane King. They had six children: James Willis, Elizabeth, Walter, and three died infants.

WILLIAM married Ellen Glazier. Their children are: Alice, who married John Gregg, and lives in Castile; William, Frank, Jennie.

SAMUEL married Margaret Parker, of Lima, and has a daughter, Margaret. They reside in Lima.

MARIA married Linus Warner, and has three children: Marion, who married Sarah Nash; Romaine, and Willard.

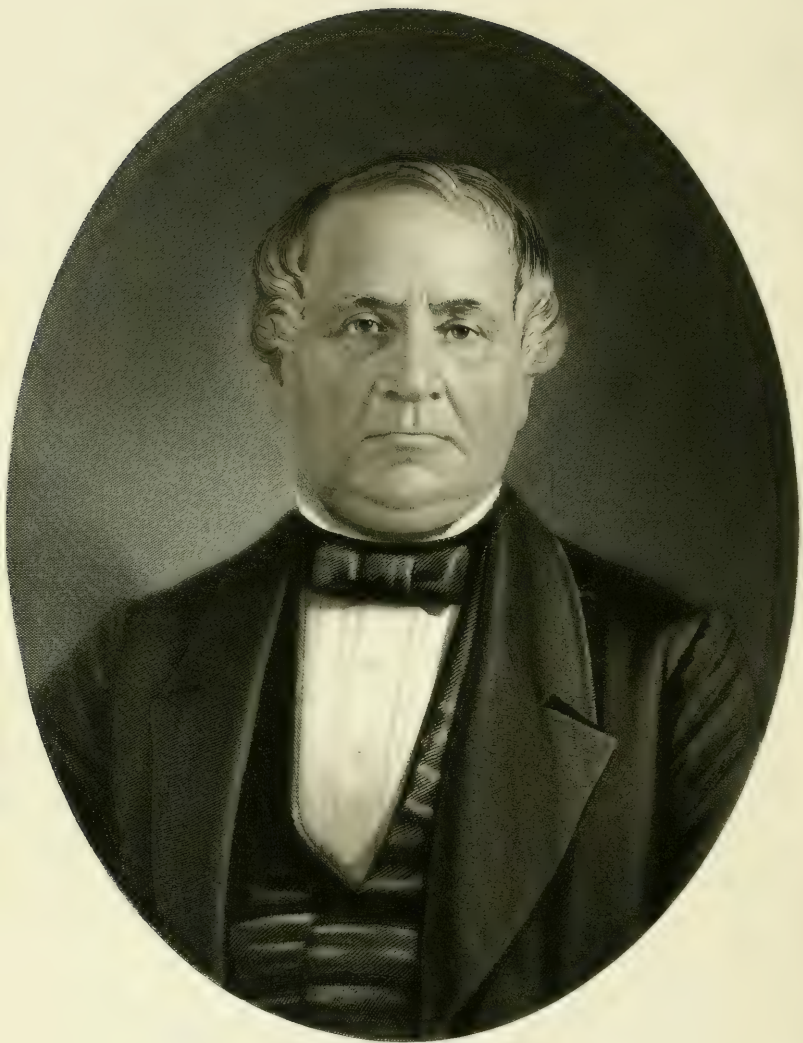
ELIZABETH married Thomas Sourby, and has two children, George and Clark.

GEORGE married Miss Madison, and has two children, Madison and Mary.

LUTHER FOSTER was born in Southampton, Long Island, Sept. 1, 1770; and was married to Ruth Hedges, in 1791. They lived successively in Montague, N. J., in Owego, and Danby, N. Y. He came with his family to Warsaw in 1823, and settled on a part of Lot 59, in the west part of the town, where his son Luther now resides. He died Nov. 16, 1846. Mrs. Foster died March 7, 1860. They were, as were most of their children, members of the Presbyterian church. They had ten children, as follows, besides three, d. inf.

SILAS H. married Fanny Smith before their removal to Warsaw. Their children were, 1. Harriet, who married Dr. Rowley Morris, and removed to Wisconsin. She died without children. 2. Esther, who married Lucien Putnam, of this town. She died in Freeport, Illinois. [See Family of Edward Putnam.] 3. Celinda, who died at the age of 26, unmarried. 4. Alfred J., is married, and resides in Cherry Valley, Ill. 5. Mary, who graduated at Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Mass., and has been for many years a teacher in Ohio.





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6. Laura, who married Wm. B. Manley, of Hebron, Ill. 7. Elizabeth. 8. Helen, who married George G. Wheeler, of Flora, Ill. 9. Susan, who married Maynard M. Howe, of Cherry Valley, Ill.

Mr. Foster died in Warsaw, Dec. 1, 1846, aged 53. Mrs. Foster resides in Cherry Valley, Ill.

JOSIAH H. married, first, Hannah Maria Barbara; for his second wife, Sarah Skeer.

ELIZABETH MARY married Ira Gilmore, and removed to Wethersfield in 1826, or 1827. They had four children.

HETTY, second wife of Robert Barnett. [See Barnett Family.]

JABEZ died in Rochester, many years ago, of cholera.

JULIUS graduated at Hamilton College in 1833, and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1836 or 1837. In Nov., 1837, he became pastor of the Presbyterian church, Towanda, Pa., which office he held until his death, Jan. 16, 1865. He married Priscilla Brunette, Oct. 19, 1840.

LUTHER married Lamira Maria Lyon, by whom he had two children, Casson A., and Roxie. Mrs. Foster having died, Mr. F. married Calista Smith, by whom he had nine children: Lamira Maria, who died July 27, 1854, in her 18th year; Samuel, Josiah H., Sydney, Charles H., Eliza Jane, Mary D., Fanny Parthenia, and Hetty Sophronia. Mr. Foster and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is also an elder.

OLON resides in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory; is married, and has several children.

RUTH married Zera Tanner, who died Nov. 27, 1836. They had a son, Zera. [See Sketch.] Mrs. Tanner married for her second husband, Deacon John Munger; and for her third, Oliver Cleveland, with whom she now resides, in this village.

PHEBE married Dr. Ethan E. Bartlett. [See Sketch of Dr. Bartlett.]

DR. AUGUSTUS FRANK was born in Canaan, Conn., Jan. 12, 1792. He was eight years of age when his father died. In early life the family emigrated to Granville, in this state, where he completed his education. He studied medicine at Dorset, Vt., and after the completion of his course, he removed to Victor, Ontario county, where he practiced in his profession three years. In 1817, he came to this village, and formed a partnership with Dr. Sheldon in professional practice, and soon after in the mercantile business. The latter being to him the more congenial, its chief supervision was consigned to him. In 1822, the partnership having been dis-

solved, he commenced business in his new store on the west side of Main street, on or near the site of the new brick store of his sons, Augustus and George W. Frank. He continued in the mercantile business, either single or in partnership, until the time of his death, not only in this town but in other towns. He was also, during the greater part of this time, engaged in other branches of business. He was interested in building, alone and in partnership, saw-mills, grist-mills, factories, and furnaces, and was concerned in several other manufacturing or mechanical establishments. He bought village lots and erected buildings on them for sale or to rent. In this variety of business he gave employment to a large number of mechanics and laborers. Probably so large an amount of village property has passed through the hands of no other citizen; nor has any other rented to occupants so many stores, shops, and dwellings. He took an active part in measures designed to promote the prosperity of the town, and the moral and intellectual improvement of its citizens. He possessed a vigorous mind, and was firm alike in his principles and his purposes. He pursued an object with unwearied assiduity until it was attained, or its attainment was found impracticable. His efforts in the cause of temperance were unremitted to the last, and contributed largely to its advancement. He was also among the first to enlist in the antislavery cause, and aided in the formation of the society in this town. He was one of the five delegates (elsewhere mentioned,) from this town to the first annual meeting of the New York State Antislavery Society, held at Utica in the fall of 1835. Although not indifferent to the good opinion of others, his conduct was uninfluenced by a desire for popular applause. In public as well as in private discussion, he spoke his sentiments frankly and fearlessly; and although they often conflicted with those of the majority, he ever retained the respect of those with whom he differed.

In 1842, he was appointed an Associate Judge of Wyoming county, which office he held until the office was abolished by the constitution of 1846. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, which shared in large measure his fostering care. But his charities were not circumscribed by its interests. He contributed liberally, by personal effort and pecuniary means, to the support of religious and benevolent institutions in general. We may add, he was happy in his domestic relations. His first wife, though possessing a feeble constitution, was a lady of deep-toned piety. To the excellence of his second, many in this community will bear testimony. His family furnishes a striking instance of parental faithfulness







*Jane Frank.*

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and care, requited by filial obedience and esteem. In few families has the observance of the duties enjoined in the fifth commandment been more happily exemplified.

We subjoin the following extract from a letter written soon after his death, by an intimate acquaintance of him and his family, to us well known:

"It was not until 1827 that he became the subject of renewing grace, so as to be satisfied that he had passed from death unto life. Then did he see in the light of their preciousness and divine consistency, the truth of those doctrines in which he had been early instructed; and the services of religion became so agreeable and increasingly important in his esteem, that he turned to them with unwonted satisfaction, walking in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. The genuineness of the work in him became apparent, not only in his life and the public profession of his faith, but also in the instruction of his household. The morning and evening knew their appointed services almost as uniformly as 'the sun knoweth his going down.' The Bible and Shorter Catechism were familiar to all the members; the first book in their acquaintance and not the last in their esteem. \* \* \* \* The idea of *frankness* was so associated with his person, that every one felt that he was rightly named. If it made him some enemies, it gained him many friends. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people."

Dr. Augustus Frank was married to Jerusha H. Baldwin, at Dorset, Vt., Sept. 12, 1816. She died March 15, 1825. They had three children: Henriett, and two who died in infancy.

HENRIETT was born Sept. 12, 1817; married Edward A. McKay, a lawyer in Naples, Ontario county, and since 1864 connected with the National Bank Department in Washington. They have three children: Jennie Frank, Alida, and Augustus Frank. Jennie F. and Alida are married.

Dr. Frank married Jane Patterson, of Londonderry, N. H., at the residence of her brother, William Patterson, in Warsaw, Aug. 25, 1825. She was born in Londonderry, Aug. 30, 1795. They had seven children:

AUGUSTUS. [See Sketch.]

ELIZABETH W. married Rev. Joseph E. Nassau. [See Sketch.]

GEORGE WASHINGTON. [See Sketch.]

JENNIE P. was born March 1, 1833, and married Edward K. Greene, a wholesale merchant in Montreal, Canada. They have three children: Eleanor O., Jennie F. and Edward K.

MARY A. was born Sept. 9, 1835, and married Philo D. Brown, a banker in Montreal, Canada. They have three children: Augustus Frank, Frederic, and Evelyn H.

Dr. Frank died Jan. 26, 1851, aged 59 years. Mrs. Jane Frank died Feb. 19, 1867, aged 71 years.

JANE FRANK, the youngest daughter of Dea. Thomas Patterson, of Londonderry, N. H., was born Aug. 30, 1795. She was in early life surrounded by those influences which tend to ennoble and refine, and by which she was prepared for the sphere she was afterwards called to fill. It was her good fortune to have a mother who not only instructed her daughters well in house-keeping, but taught them that life had higher and nobler ends. To her they were largely indebted for those qualities which fitted them so well to render their own homes happy, and to make themselves a blessing to the world. Mrs. Frank, though not one of those usually termed "the old settlers," was an early inhabitant of Warsaw. During a sojourn with her brother William in this town, in 1825, she was married to Dr. Augustus Frank. From that time until her death, she resided in this village. Here the greater part of her life was spent; and it is believed that among the great number who, during this long period, made her acquaintance, there are none who do not delight to cherish her memory. Possessing a highly social nature and a mild and cheerful temper, her presence was welcome in every social gathering. No trait in her character was more conspicuous than her large-hearted benevolence. Her generous deeds are yet fresh in the recollections of those who witnessed them, and of those upon whom her gifts were bestowed by her own hands. But the most numerous recipients of her charities knew not by whom they were bestowed. Many a young heart in the "Home of the Friendless" has been gladdened by the labor of her hands and by her liberal purse. Many a missionary in the "Far West" will never know to whose sympathizing heart and assiduous efforts he was indebted for all his winter comforts. Nor did she wait for appeals for aid from the suffering in person. She sought out the worthy objects of her charity. It was to her a pleasure to "visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction," as well as to administer to their necessities. More than once has she had the pleasure of rejoicing the hearts of young men, by the "material aid" she rendered them in their preparatory course for the ministry. She had learned by experience what too few ever learn, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." But she had been too well instructed in the truths of revelation to consider







*Augustus Frank*

true religion as consisting wholly in generous deeds. She had been taught that it comprised a knowledge of the Divine character and a living faith in an atoning Savior, from which faith all truly good works proceed. She rejoiced at the prosperity of the Church universal, and felt a special interest in that branch with which she was connected, and contributed liberally to its support. She was happy in her family relations, and had the satisfaction, before her departure, of having seen all her children making a public profession of their faith. She terminated her earthly labors on the 19th of February, 1867.

AUGUSTUS FRANK, son of Dr. Augustus Frank, was born in Warsaw, July 17, 1826. At an early age he entered his father's store, and soon took an active part in the management of the mercantile and the various other branches of his father's extensive business. In 1847, having attained his majority, he commenced the mercantile business for himself. Aided by his energy, persevering industry, and native courtesy, he prosecuted his business with unusual success; acquiring in a few years a large and prosperous trade. While his business was pursued with assiduity, he took a deep interest and an active part in matters of public concern, and gave a ready support to measures designed to promote the general good. His practical knowledge of business brought him early into favorable notice. He was chosen to aid in the organization and management of several chartered business associations, one of which was the "Buffalo and New York City Railroad Company," of which he was a Director and Vice-President. In 1856, he was chosen a Delegate to the first National Convention of the Republican party, held in Philadelphia. In 1858, he was elected to Congress from the District then comprising the counties of Allegany, Wyoming, and Genesee—the first political office he ever held. Having, however, for many years directed his attention to questions of state and national policy, he was not unprepared for the responsible trust assigned him; and he soon attained an influential position in the House. In 1860, he was returned to the 37th Congress by a majority of nearly eight thousand. In 1862, he was elected to the 38th Congress, the District being then composed of the counties of Wyoming, Genesee, and Niagara. He closed his third term in March, 1865. His Congressional career was an honorable one. Though he never made himself prominent as a speaker, his readiness of utterance and the candor of his statements, secured a degree of attention which many of the leaders in debate failed to receive.

His propositions commended themselves to the judgment of the House, and were generally adopted. He was in Congress previous to and during the whole period of the civil war, taking an active part on all financial questions, and giving a hearty and unwavering support to every measure for suppressing the rebellion. He participated in all the legislation relating to the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia and the Slave States, faithfully representing the strong antislavery sentiment of his district. On no question did he render more important service than that of the constitutional amendment forever prohibiting slavery in the United States. The efficiency of his efforts on that occasion were conceded by the press throughout the country. In 1867, he was elected on the State ticket as one of the thirty-two delegates at large to the convention for revising the Constitution of the State of New York. At home he has co-operated with his fellow-citizens in measures for promoting public improvements and the moral and intellectual elevation of society. Himself and wife are member of the Presbyterian church; and while he contributes largely, by personal effort and pecuniary means, to its various objects, he renders a like support to educational, benevolent, and reformatory institutions generally. He married Agnes, daughter of Wm. W. McNair, of Groveland, Livingston Co., New York.

GEORGE W. FRANK, son of Dr. Augustus Frank, was born Nov. 29, 1830, and has always been a resident of this town. He was engaged in his father's store and in other business until the death of his father in 1851. He soon after engaged with his brother, and in 1854 became a partner in the Dry Goods trade, the firm taking the name of A. & G. W. Frank, under which the business is still continued on an extensive scale. He is also a partner in the Patterson Manufacturing Co., of this village. He is an energetic business man, and is active in promoting the interests of the village. His influence is also exerted in advancing the moral enterprises of the day. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. He married Phebe T., daughter of William W. McNair, of Groveland. They have had four children: Sarah, died an infant, Augustus, Jennie, and George W.

BRADLEY S. GALLETT was born in Saratoga Co., Sept. 8, 1815. He married Emma Peck, in 1837, and removed to Warsaw the same year. He is a farmer, and resides west of the village, near the Railroad Station. He has three children:

ANNA, who married Franklin Willard, and resides in Iowa. BRADLEY N., and WALLACE O.

HENRY GARRETSEE was born in Niskayuna, Schenectady Co., N. Y., June 1, 1818. After a brief residence in several towns in Western New York, he removed to Le Roy at the age of 14 years. In 1843, he came to Warsaw, and formed a partnership with Seth M. Gates in the Hardware business, in which he has continued, in company and single, until the present time. His business has been during this time conducted on an extensive scale, embracing, in addition to the ordinary Hardware business, the casting of stoves and other wares. [See Hardware Merchants.] He married in this town, Sept., 1847, Elizabeth Orr, by whom he had four children: Henry, Elizabeth, John, and Walter, all living.

DEA. SETH GATES became a resident of Warsaw in the Spring of 1834. He was born in Preston, Conn., March 7, 1775, and married Abigail Merrill, Jan. 1, 1800. In March, 1806, he removed to Sheldon, in this county, his being the third house built in that town. In 1808, he made open profession of religion; was active in organizing the Baptist church in Sheldon, and was soon elected one of its Deacons. He was always active in sustaining the Gospel, schools, and all benevolent and charitable enterprises. Dea. Gates commanded a company of Light Infantry on the frontiers in the war of 1812, until the battle of Queenston had so thinned its ranks, that it was annexed to another company. He died Nov. 9, 1847. Mrs. Gates survived him about 4 years. They left 4 children, Seth M., Chauncey C., Calista, and Delia.

SETH M. [See sketch of Seth M. Gates.]

CHAUNCEY C. was born June 16, 1810, in Sheldon, and removed to Warsaw in 1836, where he was a clerk, and then a partner of Isaac C. Bronson, in the Dry Goods trade. In 1843, he sold out his interest to A. G. Hammond. From that time to this, he has been, either as a partner or as a clerk, engaged in the Hardware and Stove business, carried on under the firms of Gates & Garretsee, and C. C. Gates & Co., and others. He married Mary Elizabeth Butler, a niece of Joshua H. Darling. Their children are, William Walter, Willard, Harriet, and Julia.

CALISTA married Isaac C. Bronson. [See sketch.]

DELIA married Rev. A. H. Stowell, and has four children, Harriet, Eliza, Henry, and Emma.



SETH M. GATES was born in Winfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., Oct. 16, 1800. He came to Sheldon in 1806; worked on a farm until 1820; was then three years in Middlebury Academy, teaching school winters, his first trial at teaching being in South Warsaw, in 1821. He commenced the study of Law with Hon. Heman J. Redfield, of Le Roy, in 1823, and was admitted to practice in 1827, and formed a partnership with Hon. A. P. Hascall, in the practice of law, which was continued eleven years. During his clerkship he was Inspector of Common Schools, and Deputy Sheriff. In 1830, he was Supervisor of Le Roy, and in 1832, Member of Assembly from the county of Genesee, elected by the Anti-Masonic party. By the efforts of Mr. Gates and his colleagues, the act authorizing the construction of the Tonawanda Railroad, from Rochester to Attica, was passed at that session, this being the first railroad in Western New York. In 1838, he purchased the Le Roy Gazette, and for nine months was its editor. In Nov. 1838, he was elected to Congress as an Anti-slavery Whig, and re-elected in 1840, serving four years. His letter to Gerrit Smith, written just before taking his seat in Congress in 1839, defending the Antislavery Whigs in adhering to their party against the attacks of Mr. Smith, found great favor with the party, and was published by Whig Journals throughout the North. During his four years service in Congress, he co-operated actively with Messrs. Adams, Giddings, and Slade in the memorable struggle for the right of petition and freedom of speech, and did much to arouse public attention to the plans and efforts of the South to extend and strengthen slavery. By transmitting the Address of the World's Convention held in London in 1840, under his frank, to the Governors of the Southern States, he so exasperated the slaveholders that no less than five of the Governors mentioned the fact in their next messages; and a rich planter in Savannah offered a reward of \$500 for the delivery of the offending Member of Congress, dead or alive, in that city. At the close of the 27th Congress, at the request of Mr. Adams, he drew up a Protest against the annexation of Texas, proving that it was a project of the slaveholders to extend the area of slavery. The paper was signed by many of the members of Congress. At the close of his service in Congress, in 1843, having formed a law partnership with F. C. D. McKay, he removed to Warsaw, where has since resided. Having become interested in the Hardware trade with Mr. Garretsee, he gave up his practice. He afterwards engaged in the Dry Goods and Lumber trade, continuing it until the loss of his planing mill the second time by fire, in 1865. In May, 1861,





*Seth M. Gates.*

Taken 1843.



he was appointed Postmaster by Mr. Lincoln; and in May, 1866, was reappointed by Mr. Johnson. In 1848, he was the Free Soil candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the ticket with Gen. John A. Dix for Governor. For about forty years he has been a temperance man, and has been active, with his voice and his pen, in opposing the traffic in all that can intoxicate, as well as its use as a beverage. In 1834, he joined the Presbyterian church in Le Roy. In Warsaw he united with the Congregational church, and was for thirteen years in succession the Superintendent of its Sunday School, and has been for many years its church clerk. Mr. Gates was married to Eliza Keyes, of Le Roy, in 1827, by whom he had seven children:

HENRY K., who was born Sept. 16, 1828, married Miss Johnson, of Fredonia, and is a broker in New York.

MARY E., who married Seymour G. Bronson, of Warsaw, now a Hardware merchant in Rockford, Ill.

FRANCES A., who resides with her sister in Rockford.

HARRIET C., born June 3, 1834, died Nov. 1, 1850.

JOHN A., born Aug. 9, 1836, is unmarried.

SETH M. and ELIZA K., (twins,) both died in infancy.

Mr. Gates married, in Sept., 1841, for his second wife, Fanny Jennett Parsons, of Lisle, Broome Co., N. Y. By her he had five children:

SARAH N., who died in May, 1865, at the age of 22, when ready to graduate at Ingham University.

ELIZA JENNETT was born in Warsaw, Nov. 1, 1845.

MERRILL E., born April 6, 1848, is now in College.

ERASTUS PARSONS was born April 16, 1850.

LEWIS EDDY was born March 23, 1860.

Mr. Gates' second wife died June 8, 1866; and July 11, 1867, he married Mrs. A. C. Bishop, widow of the late Hon. William S. Bishop, of Rochester, and daughter of the late Col. Nathaniel Rochester.

SIMEON GIBSON was born in Poultney, Vt., May 18, 1779. He married for his first wife, Sally Morris, of Hampton. They had two children:

WILLIAM, who married Clarinda Park. Their children were: 1. Nelson, who died at 19. 2. Lora, who died at 18. 3. Sarah, who married George Robinson, of Michigan. 4. Arabella, who died at 8. 5. Clara P. 6. Marcus E. William Gibson died Oct. 21, 1860.

SALLY married Chauncey Z. Cutting. [See Jonas Cutting.]

Simeon Gibson married for his second wife, Miriam Munger, by whom he had six children:

JOHN S., who married Caroline Awmuck. They removed to Batavia, Ill. They had four children: Porter, Charles, Arthur, Ellen. Mr. Gibson died a few years since.

DANIEL H. married Laura Morris. They had nine children: Sullivan W., George C., Clayton K., died an infant; Wilber H., John F., Adelia E., Lora, and Cora, d. inf.

MARCUS married Catharine Butterfield, and had three children: Helen, Elbridge, and Frederick. Mr. Gibson was killed accidentally by a gun in his own hands.

SIMEON K. is married, and resides in Southern Illinois.

STILLMAN S. married Mary Hopson, and lives in Center-ville.

JASPER B. is married, and resides in Illinois.

Simeon Gibson married a third wife, Elizabeth Worden, by whom he had two children: Christopher C. and Miriam A., both dead. Mr. Gibson died Nov. 29, 1849.

NILES GIDDINGS was born in Hartland, Conn., in 1760. He married Naomi Hale in 1788. They removed to Warsaw in 1810, and settled on East Hill, where they died; Mrs. Giddings in 1823; Mr. Giddings in 1842. They had ten children:

LINUS, who married Electa Parsons, and lives in Venango, Pa.

LESTER married Speeda Miller, and removed to Michigan.

LYDIA married David Myers, and resides at Cherry Creek. Children: Adaline, Naomi, Rachel, Lydia, David, Oliver, and John.

BETSEY married Thomas Scott; they reside in Le Roy, Ill.

HIRAM married Ethana Holmes; removed to Michigan. Children: Naomi, Henry, Hibbard, John R.

PHEBE married Chauncey Rice, and had eight children, and died at the age of 38 years.

CELINDA married Abram Hollister, and had two children; married, second, David Hollister, and had five children.

RACHEL married David Botsford. Children living: Sarah Jane and George W. Three died infants.

JOHN married Mindrel Wilcox; died at 35; had two sons.

JANE ELMIRA died at the age of 3 years.

SIMEON R. GLAZIER was born April 11, 1786; married Catharine Perkins, in Hampton, and removed in 1810 or 1811 to this town. He soon after built, in South Warsaw, a Carding and Cloth Dressing Shop, which, a short time after, was

destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt, and owned thereafter by different individuals. He died Sept. 29, 1848. Mrs. Glazier died April 20, 1851. They had nine children, of whom three died young.

CAROLINE, who married James F. Pettengill, and after his death, Dr. Forrest Harkness, of Rushville, N. Y., who also died soon after marriage. She resides in this town.

MARY ANN, who died at the age of 18.

JANE M., who married Milo E. Munger, lives in Iowa, and has nine children.

SARAH A. married Andrew Pettengill, who died in Warsaw, Jan., 1867. They had five children: Mary A., who married Wm. F. Purdy; Charles F.; both reside in Warsaw; John E., and two dead.

LAURA married William Annis, and died at 23.

AURELIA A., who died at 24.

ROSWELL GOULD came into this town from Middlebury and established a store in South Warsaw, and continued business there about fifteen years. In 1843, he removed to the village, where he pursued the same business until 1851, when he discontinued the dry goods trade, and was afterwards most of the time, either alone or as a partner, a produce-dealer. He has held the offices of Justice of the Peace and Supervisor; and in 1853 he was elected County Treasurer for the term of three years. He was in sentiment and action a temperance and antislavery man. He was born Sept. 2, 1806, and married, Feb. 7, 1833, Marilla Beckley, born Mary 9, 1810. Their children were Helen L., who died at 10; Caroline E., who died at 6; Frank C., born Nov. 8, 1847; and Alice F., born Dec. 6, 1851. Mr. Gould died Dec., 1868.

CALEB HATCH was born in Hanover, Mass., whence he removed to Bennington, Vt., where he married Anna Palmer. He came to Warsaw in 1811, and settled in the south part of the village, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife died June 17, 1825, aged 56. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Pike, who died in this town, Oct. 25, 1868, aged 87 years. He died June 15, 1840, at the age of 79. His children were:

STEPHEN, who married Thankful Truesdell, by whom he had four children, three of whom died young. Rumsey married Alta Jackson, and removed to Rockton, Ill., where he died. The wife of Stephen Hatch died May 2, 1827, aged 26. He married for his second wife Gracia Hughes, and died July 29, 1848, aged 56 years. His wife married Rev. Mr. Jackson, of Clyde, Ohio.



SIMON married Electa Francis, and removed to Cuba, N. Y., where he still resides.

HARRY married Maria Richards. They reside in Warsaw, and have eight children: Lydia A., Emily J., Sarah S., Lyman L., Randall D., Eurana R., Adelbert F., Alonzo M.

CLARA married Philander Hale. They reside in the south-west part of the town. Their children are: Nancy Ann, who married Daniel Clark, and resides in Hume. Mary, who married Edwin Bannister, and lives in Hume. Clarissa, who married James Jones. Caleb, who married Ruth Ann Foote.

WILLIAM C. HATCH was born in Colchester, Conn., and married Jerusha Deming, of Westfield, Conn. They came to Warsaw about the first day of January, 1815, and settled in the north-west part of the town, where his sons, Wm. T., Milton D., and Walter M. now reside.

WILLIAM T. married Betsey Sturdevant. Their children are: 1. Henry, who married Lydia Smith. 2. Amelia, d. inf. 3. Amelia, who married Reuben Brackett, and lives in Niagara county. 4. Jerusha, who married Horace Choate, of Middlebury, and has a son. 5. Wm. C., who married Esther Webb, of Covington, and has two children, Chauncey and Helen. 6. Ransom, who married Emma Tanner.

MILTON D. married Mrs. Amanda Swift. They have two daughters. 1. Harriet, who married Theodore Aikin. 2. Emily.

WALTER M. married Sally Sherwin. Their children are: 1. Lucy M., who married Oscar H. Hibbard. 2. Lyman. 3. Walter, who married Lois Bentley, and has a son. 4. Elvira. 5. George. 6. Albert. 7. Flora.

LLOYD A. HAYWARD was born in Winthrop, Maine, Dec. 6, 1816. He is a graduate of Amherst College, and of the Law School at Harvard. He was for a time a Clerk in the Treasury Department at Washington, and came to Perry in 1841, where he married, Oct. 8, 1844, Mary Jane Dudley, who was born at Union Village, Washington county, N. Y., May 18, 1827. In 1853, he removed to Warsaw, where he still resides. He was Secretary of the Wyoming County Mutual Insurance Company for many years, and for six years Treasurer of the County. He is a member of the Congregational church, and is one of its Deacons. He has had three children; two daughters and a son: Melicent, who died; Mary Kate, and Edward D.

HENRY HIBBARD was born in Canterbury, Conn., Feb. 16, 1784. He married Sarah Palmer, Jan. 27, 1814. They removed to Warsaw in 1816, and settled in the north-east part of the town, where he resided at the time of his death, March 21, 1820. They had four children; two living.

SARAH E., who married John H. Keeney. [See Keeney Family.]

OSCAR H., born Nov. 2, 1818, married Lucy Ann Hatch, daughter of Walter M. Hatch, and has two children: Walter H., and Uberto Banks. Mr. Hibbard was from 1854 a partner in the firm of Gould & Hibbard in the Produce trade, until the retirement of Mr. Gould in 1867. He is at present associated with Wm. Bristol; firm, Hibbard & Bristol.

Mrs. Sarah Hibbard married for her second husband, John Alverson, by whom she had five children; three living, as follows:

CORDELIA R., who married David K. Lowell, now a produce merchant at Nunda Station.

PHEBE C. married Morgan Cronkhite, of Middlebury, and resides in Lawrence, Kansas.

SAREPTA W. married Ashbury Stevens, and lives in Kansas. John Alverson died April, 1849.

ICHABOD HODGE was born in Connecticut, Oct. 1, 1786. He married Welthy Martin, who was born Nov. 20, 1784. They removed to this town in 1831. He was for several years employed in the grist-mill in this village, of which he subsequently became for a time joint owner. He was a member of the Baptist church, and had held the office of Deacon before he removed to this place. Mrs. Hodge died June 6, 1847. Dea. Hodge died Oct. 18, 1857. They had six children:

MARTIN, born Oct. 4, 1809, married Orpha Plant. They had nine children: Ellen M., Edwin, Harriet, Arabel, Orpha, Marcus M., Caroline, Perry, and Alice. They reside in Pike.

SYLVINIA, born April 16, 1812, married Hiram E. Adams, being his second wife, and died Aug. 4, 1845. They had two children.

PERRY married Sarah Yates. They now reside at Seneca Falls. They had eight children; three are living: Alida S., Martin, and George.

ISRAEL, born Jan. 16, 1817, married Sally Morris, of this town. He was for several years in partnership with his brother, Perry, in the Hardware business in Springville, and in this village. He was elected a Justice of the Peace in this town, in 1845, and reelected in 1849. He died Aug. 7, 1852.

His wife died April 21, 1853. They had three children: 1. Solomon, who married Josephine Smith, and is now a merchant in Chicago. 2. Albert L., who resides in Iowa. 3. Edith, who married Frank Mitchell, of Brodhead, Wis.

MARYETTE, born April 4, 1822, married Hiram E. Adams, being his first wife, and died 1845. They had two children.

ELIZA ANN, born April 16, 1824, resides in Warsaw.

HORACE HOLLISTER was born in Pawlet, Vt., Jan. 10, 1798. He married, Nov. 24, 1824, Julia Smith, born April 14, 1799. He came to Warsaw in 1824, and established the carriage-making business. His was the first establishment in which the various branches of that business were carried on to any considerable extent. He sold the establishment in 1839, and purchased a farm in Westfield, where he resided many years. In 1865, he returned to Warsaw, where he now resides. Mrs. Hollister died in Warsaw, Dec. 5, 1837; by whom he had five children, of whom two, John C. and Delia Ann, d. inf.

LAURA ELIZABETH, who married George Niles, of Michigan, where she died Jan. 30, 1846.

WM. HARVEY, who married Margaret Wilcox, in Westfield, and resides in Manchester, Iowa.

JULIA MARIA died at the age of 6 years.

Mr. Hollister married Sept. 17, 1838, Caroline McWhorter, daughter of Samuel McWhorter, Esq., of Warsaw, by whom he had six children; one, Mary Annis, d. inf.

JOHN QUINCY A., who graduated at Hamilton College, enlisted in the war as a private, and was promoted to the office of Captain. He married Emily F. Barker, since deceased. He has since graduated at Cincinnati Medical College, and is in practice at Brocton, N. Y.

HORACE H. graduated with his brother at Hamilton College, and has since been Principal of East Pembroke Academy, and taught elsewhere. He married Ada A. Ellinwood, and is now a teacher in the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Columbus, Ohio.

CARRIE MARIA, MARY ISABELLA, and SAMUEL A. live in Warsaw.

ALANSON HOLLY was born in Granville, N. Y., July 21, 1810. He was a son of Silvanus Holly. In 1822, his mother, with her three youngest sons, John, Milton, and Alanson, removed to this town, and settled on West Hill. Alanson was at this time 12 years of age. The two succeeding summers he worked for his neighbors at farming, his



*A. Holly.*





accustomed labor, and the next three summers at the carpenter and joiner's trade. His school privileges had been very limited; and with a view to teaching, he attended Elder Tuthill's select school at Pike six weeks, which completed his school course, not exceeding, in all, twenty months. In the winter after he was sixteen, he commenced teaching, and taught five consecutive winters. In 1830 or 1831, he worked three months at printing for A. W. Young, in the office of the *Warsaw Sentinel*, and in his store for a time as clerk. After which, he was clerk for Joshua H. Darling, five years, and as a principal in the mercantile business two years. In 1838, he was elected on a temperance ticket a Justice of the Peace. He has from his youth been a thorough temperance man, and has, during his manhood, thus far, employed his voice and pen in support of total abstinence. He has been equally diligent in promoting the cause of education. He held the office of School Inspector and Town Superintendent eighteen years. In 1848, he established the *Wyoming County Mirror*. Though before and since that time a firm advocate of the distinctive principles of the Whig party, yet, feeling himself morally bound to support no man for President or Member of Congress who was not opposed to the extension of slavery, he refused to support the nomination of Gen. Taylor, made but three months after the establishing of the *Mirror*. In 1855, he sold out his paper, and removed to Kilbourn City, Wis., where he started the *Wisconsin Mirror*, literally "in the woods," there being but one dwelling within a mile from the printing-office. After the election of 1860, he discontinued the paper, and became joint proprietor of the *Lockport Journal*, daily, and *Niagara County Intelligencer*, weekly. In the fall of 1861, he removed to Warsaw, and engaged in the Drug and Grocery business, which he continued three years. In the spring of 1866, he returned to Kilbourn City, and in June, 1868, he revived the *Wisconsin Mirror* after a sleep of nearly eight years, and is now publishing it with his son Homer O. Holly as a partner. The principles which have guided his course of life, he ascribes chiefly to maternal training. Mr. Holly was married, Oct. 5, 1836, to Lucretia E. Wakefield, who was born July 22, 1816. They have had ten children, as follows:

MORTON A., who died in Kilbourn City, Wis., March 14, 1857, by falling from a high perpendicular or projecting rock upon the ice on the Wisconsin river, in his 20th year.

GERALDINE LUCRETIA, who married, in Warsaw, N. Jackson Morris. They reside in Chicago, and have a son.

JOSEPHINE LOPELHIA, who married Robert Scofield, in Kilbourn City, where they reside.

HOMER ORLANDO, who served three years in the late war, in the various offices of Regimental Brigade and Division Postmaster; Clerk of Regimental and Brigade Quartermaster, and Regimental Quartermaster's Sergeant. Discharged, July, 1865.

ISABELLA JANE, HOWARD FRANK, who died at 5; WILLIE ELWOOD, LEWIE LLOYD, d. inf.; ELLA MAY, ARTHUR WAKEFIELD.

SIMEON HOLTON was born in Piscataway, N. J., Feb. 2, 1810, and married in Le Roy, in 1834, Olive S. Spring, who was born Jan. 20, 1816. He came to Warsaw about 1842. He is by trade a mason. He is a member of the Baptist church, and is at present one of its deacons. He has had nine children:

MILTON E., who married Sarah M. Milliner, resides in Rochester, and has three children: Joel P., Jessie, and Sarah L.

RELIANCE M., who married Arthur H. Watts, Jeweler in Shelbyna, Mo. Children: Olive E. and Myra J.

MARQUIS F., who married Julia Bainbridge, who died after two months. He was in the war. [See War History.]

WALTER S., who died at 19.

HENRY HARRISON, who lives in Shelbyna, Mo. Served in the war a year.

JUNIUS R., CLARA D., MYRA, and two d. inf.

SAMUEL HOUGH was born in the year 1768. He had by his first wife four children: Rebecca, Samuel, who died young, Orson, and Hiram.

REBECCA married in Warsaw, Ira Jenkins, by whom she had a son, Gideon H. [See G. H. Jenkins.]

ORSON married in Warsaw, Clorinda Webster, daughter of Elizur Webster. They had seven children: 1. Elizabeth; 2. Horace, who died in a Western State; 3. Clarissa, who died in Westfield; 4. Ardelizza; 5. Augustin, who married and resides in Westfield; 6. Amelia; 7. Geddes, who resides in Nebraska. The family resides in Westfield.

HIRAM was married, and had several children. He died at Lockport, Erie Co., Pa.

Samuel Hough married, in Granville, for his second wife, Mrs. Clarissa McWhorter, widow of John McWhorter, and daughter of Isaac Phelps, Sen. He removed with his family to Warsaw, in 1813, where he died, Sept. 4. 1826. He had by this wife eight children:

HANNAH, who married Augustin U. Baldwin, and had three children: 1. Vincent, who is a merchant in New York; 2. Jerusha, who married George Farnsworth, and died; 3. Melvin. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin died in Westfield.

CLARISSA married Daniel Rockwell, and removed to Westfield. They had four children: 1. Lansing, d. inf.; 2. Rollin D., who married Helen E. Mann, and has three children: Alice B., Clarence, d. inf., and George D. 3. Walter. 4. Frederick A., who married Alice Magrath, of New York. Mrs. Clarissa Rockwell died Feb. 12, 1868, aged 63 years.

MELISSA married Ackley Carter. They removed to Wisconsin, thence to Iowa.

LOUISA married Elnathan Scranton, of Covington, she being his third wife, and had two children, Rebecca and Albert.

MIRIAM married W. R. Morse, and had three children: Frances, who died about 25 years of age, and two sons who died young.

MARIETT married Edwin Buck, and had five children: 1. Edwin D., who married Jennie Osgood; 2. Mary Ann, who married Herman Sixby; 3. Augusta, who is married and resides in Pennsylvania; 4. Frederick; 5. Carlton.

SAMUEL, who married, and lived many years in Erie Co., Pa. He had several children.

SOPHIA married Zera Colburn. They live in Westfield, and have no children.

Samuel Hough died Sept. 4, 1826, aged nearly 58 years.

JOSIAH HOVEY, SEN., was born in Mansfield, Conn., in 1747. He married Theodora Downer. Having resided successively in Whitestown, N. Y., Tioga, Pa., and Leicester, N. Y., he came to Warsaw in May, 1804, and settled in the north part of the town. He was one of the number of whom the Methodist church was composed at its formation. [See Methodist church.] He died April 24, 1820, aged 73 years. They had thirteen children:

ORRE married Azuba Root, and had several children.

SIMEON. [See Simeon Hovey.]

GURDON was born in Lebanon, N. H., June 6, 1778; married Anna Starkweather, and settled in the north part of this town. His is believed to have been one of the first three houses built in the town. It was built by him and a brother, in the autumn of 1803; and in March, 1804, occupied by himself, and, for a short time, together with his two brothers, Simeon and Josiah. He removed many years ago to Michigan with his family, where died. He had eight children.

JOHN married Elizabeth Brooks, of Tioga, Pa., by whom he had three sons and three daughters. His wife died, and he married a second wife; removed to the West and died.

SUEL married Lucinda Holmes, and removed to Michigan.

THEODORA married Noah Willis. They moved to Missouri.

ZIBA married Sophia Metcalf, Bethany, and removed to Randolph. They had eight children.

ELIPHALET married Sally Knapp. Their children were, 1. Salvira, who married Wright Blackmer. 2. Bleeker, who married, and practiced medicine in Rochester. 3. Maria, who married Mr. Mowry. 4. Juliet, who married Jedediah Gordon, of Rushford. 5. Louisa, who married Mr. Crane, of Dansville. 6. Mina who married Ira Gifford. 7. Spencer, who lives at Linden. 8. Alpheus, lives in Rushford.

Eliphalet Hovey died Dec. 18, 1843, aged 52 years. Mrs. Hovey died Nov. 18, 1848, aged 56 years.

ALVIN married Calista Roberts, and removed to Michigan. They had nine children.

LAURA married Nathan Snow, and removed to Randolph, New York.

FINA married Lewis Alverson, of Perry; moved to Michigan.

MELINDA married Richard Jackson, for many years a resident of Warsaw. Their children were Adelia; Z. Paddock, who married in Steuben county; James, who married and went to Michigan; Sally Ann; Almira, who married in Mich.; Calvin; Emery, who was in the war, was taken sick and died at home in Michigan.

SIMEON HOVEY was born in Lebanon, N. H., July 6, 1776; married, Aug. 31, 1800, Jerusha Lamb. He bought, with his two brothers, Gurdon and Josiah, lot 24, in the autumn of 1803, and built a house, into which they removed in March, 1804. The house, it is said, was, until the others had had time to build for themselves, occupied by the three, neither having as yet any children. Simeon resided in this town, near the place where he first settled, until within a few years before his death. He built for Judge Webster, 1805, the first saw-mill in this town. Both he and his wife were among the members of the Methodist Episcopal church of which it was composed at the time of its organization. A few years before his death he removed to Monroe county, and died, April 25, 1862. His widow, at the advanced age of 84, resides with a son in this village. They had nine children:

HARRY was born Sept. 1, 1804, being the first male child born in this town. He married Lydia M. Maher. Their



children were, 1. Henry L. 2. Francis, who died at 22. 3. Eugene. 4. Laura Bell. 5. Wilber.

MARTHA E. married Rev. Carlos Gould, and resides in Parma. Their children are, 1. Le Roy H., who married Amelia Standish; resides in Michigan. 2. Mary. 3. Frances, who is married.

DELOSS married in Ohio, and is a practicing physician.

LE ROY married Deborah Smith, and died two months after.

SIMEON, born February 7, 1813, is unmarried, resides in Warsaw.

EUNICE married Daniel P. Newell, of Middlebury. They reside in Parma, and have two children, Charles and Mary.

MARY A. married Gideon H. Jenkins. [See Gideon H. Jenkins.

LAURA J. died at 22, unmarried.

ENOCH W. married Amelia A. Merrell. They removed to Janesville, Wis., and have five children: Frederick, Charles, Laura, Le Roy, Edward.

JOSIAH HOVEY, JR., was born in Lebanon, N. H., Jan., 1780, and married Sally Lamb. They removed to Warsaw in 1804, as elsewhere stated. [See Simeon and Gurdon Hovey.] They resided on the farm on which they first settled until a late period in life, when they removed to the village, and after a few years to Buffalo, where they died. They were members of the Methodist church in this town at the time of its formation. They had thirteen children:

ALFRED married Polly Cleveland, and had five sons and two daughters. He died in Warsaw.

HORACE died in Warsaw at the age of 19.

JULIA ANN married Linus Chittenden.

AMANDA and LOIS, unmarried, reside in Buffalo.

JUSTUS married Sarah Smith, in Canada, and died in California. She died at the West. They had a daughter, Marian.

ADALINE married Philander Pixley. They reside in Buffalo, and had a daughter and three sons.

DWIGHT R. married twice, and resides in Kansas.

ALMON married in Nevada, and is now in Washington, D. C.

NANCY married Mr. Brown, and lives in Buffalo.

SALLY married in Buffalo, and removed West.

CLARISSA married Roswell Gardner, of Attica, where she died.

DARIUS is married, and lives in Buffalo.



CHESTER HURD was born Aug. 10, 1792. He came to Warsaw in 1811; married Sally Wiseman, March 4, 1813. He was by trade a carpenter, though at times engaged in other mechanical business. A large portion of his labor at his trade was bestowed on the building of churches in Warsaw and the surrounding towns, eight in number, of which there were three in Warsaw—two for the Methodists, and one for the Baptists. Mr. Hurd was by profession a Methodist. He died Aug. 24, 1866. They had ten children:

LUCINDA, who married William Barber, and had ten children: 1. Eliza Ann, who married Edwin R. Conable. 2. Sarah M. 3. Amelia J., dead. 4. Dolphus S., who married Julia E. Stevens. 5. Lucia E. 6. Mary S., who married John West. 7. Flora C., who married Wm. D. Lucas. 8. Emma O., (d. inf.) 9. William F. 10. Jesse Edwin.

LAURA married Lewis Boardman, and died in 1856.

BETSEY married Reuben A. Howard. They reside in Iowa.

CHESTER P. was for several years engaged in the lumber and manufacturing business. He married Theodosia Gay, and has a daughter, Minnie.

MARY P. married Edwin Carr.

FRANKLIN D. married Ann Hosiel, and has three children: Franklin, Ida, and Adelaide.

NICHOLAS married Betsey Bassett, and died in Wisconsin.

IRA married Rachel Richards, and lives in Warsaw.

POLLY married James Allison, in Indiana.

SARAH, who was drowned at Arcade, aged 2 years.

GIDEON H. JENKINS, son of Ira Jenkins, an early settler in the east part of this town, was born in Warsaw, Sept. 4, 1815. He married, Oct. 17, 1838, Mary A. Hovey, a daughter of Simeon Hovey. In the early part of his business life, he was two years a clerk in the Canal Superintendent's office at Hindsburg, Orleans Co. He was afterwards a merchant in Covington one year. In 1846, he removed to Centerville, where he was in the mercantile business nine years, and was in 1854 a representative of Allegany county in the Assembly. He returned to Warsaw, and in 1856, commenced the mercantile business in the village, and continued it until 1861, when he enlisted in the war, taking the command of a company of volunteers, the first that was raised in this town. After a service of seven months, his health having become seriously impaired, he was honorably discharged. He has held the office of supervisor in Centerville and Warsaw. In the spring of 1868, he bought a farm near Pearl Creek, where he now resides. He had two sons,

Charles V. and Adelbert II., both of whom were in the war. [See War History.]

CHARLES V. married Frances Mallow, in Ontario, Ind., where he resides. He is a practicing Physician, and has a daughter.

ADELBERT II. is unmarried, and resides with his father.

CHARLES J. JUDD was born in Cornwall, Vt., Sept. 25, 1807. He removed in 1813 to Onondaga county with his father, who resided first at Onondaga Hill, and afterwards in Marcellus, in the same county. He was married to Jane Ann Moseley, who was a daughter of Hon. Daniel Moseley, of Onondaga Hill. He removed to Warsaw in the spring of 1836, and in connection with James S. Moseley, his brother-in-law, commenced the mercantile business. He was subsequently engaged in the various occupations of teacher, bookseller, dealer in drugs and medicines and groceries, and was for two years a joint proprietor of the grist-mill in this village. In his commercial transactions he was scrupulously honest and upright. He was a good man. Nor was his a mere negative goodness; it was of a positive character, manifesting itself in acts of *usefulness*. The antislavery cause and the various other benevolent, reformatory, and religious enterprises, received from him a hearty and efficient support. His duties in the several relations of life, domestic, social, civil, and ecclesiastical, were promptly, faithfully, and conscientiously performed. He was a member of the Congregational church from its formation, and for several years one of its deacons. He died suddenly in this village, March 8, 1863. Mrs. Judd died Sept. 4, 1852. They had four children: Frances J., Charles Moseley, Flora A., and Wm. T.

FRANCES J. married Edwin L. Babbitt, and had a son, Harry, who died in infancy. Mr. Babbitt was admitted to the practice of Law, but was engaged most of the time until his death in the editing and publishing of newspapers in this village, and in Waukon, Iowa. He died in Orleans Co., Oct. 31, 1862, aged 31 years.

CHARLES M. married Jessie Smith, of Chicago, where he now resides. He served through the war as Lieutenant of Artillery in the Western armies.

FLORA A. married Wm. H. Merrill. [See W. H. Merrill.]

WILLIAM T., unmarried, resides in New York.

Mr. Judd married for his second wife, Aristeon Breck, of Warsaw, by whom he had two children, Charles J. and Jessie, d. inf.

AMOS KEENEY was born in East Hartford, Conn., April 8, 1778. While young, he became a resident of Hampton, N. Y., where he married Martha Brooks. As has been already stated, he came into Warsaw in 1803, driving one of the teams of Elizur Webster, with whom he then contracted for fifty acres of land, which is now a part of the farm of Samuel Fisher, in the south part of the village. He brought in his family in 1804. In 1806 or 1807, he sold out and settled in the south part of the town. Few of the settlers had a harder experience than he. Some of the incidents of his struggle "in the woods" are elsewhere narrated in this history. He succeeded, however, in gaining a competence for a long life, not yet closed, though protracted beyond fourscore years and ten. But, though he never acquired great earthly possessions, he is "rich in faith," and has an earnest of the "inheritance of the saints in light." He has been, during the most of his life, a member of the Baptist church in this town. His wife died Jan. 6, 1850. They had nine children:

BETSEY, born March 6, 1800, died in her 14th year.

HENRY H., born Dec. 3, 1801, married Maria Albro. They had four children: Matison, Isadore and Zelotes, who died young, and Niles.

ALMIRA, born March 18, 1804, married David Seymour. Children: Pamela, Ann Eliza, Austin, and three d. inf.

CHLOE, born Nov. 27, 1806, became the second wife of David Seymour, and had two children, both d. inf.

APOLLOS, born Dec 6, 1808, married Adaline Knowlton, and had four children: 1. Amelia, died; 2. Jasper; 3. Samuel; 4. Daniel.

ELEAZAR, born April 11, 1812, married Adaline Murray. Their children are: 1. Michael; 2. Helen; 3. Oscar; 4. Adelia; 5. Josephine; 6. James; 7. Calista.

CHAUNCEY L. SHELDON, born March 1, 1815, married Ann Ennis. Their children were: 1. Kendrick; 2. Abraham Ennis, who was in the war, was taken sick, returned, and died at home; 3. Mary.

JOHN H., born Nov. 1, 1818, married Sarah E. Hibbard. They have two children: 1. Castern Gertrude; 2. Bruce M.

CALISTA, born May 25, 1821, married William Webster, Jun. [See Family of Wm. Webster.]

MATTISON KEENEY, son of Henry H. Keeney, was born Oct. 29, 1829, and married Martha Bristol, who died Jan. 25, 1867. He married for his second wife, Sarah Bristol. Both were daughters of Francis S. Bristol. Mr. Keeney has three children: Frank, Fred, and Martha.

ALDEN KEITH, from the state of Vermont, came to Warsaw about the year 1809. He married Rebecca Chapman, and settled in the north-east part of the town. Four or five years after, he removed to the south part of the village, and set up the business of making chairs and spinning wheels. He is said to have been the first chair-maker in the place, and was probably the only maker of the obsolete article of spinning-wheels. He removed, after a long residence in this town, to the state of Michigan, where he died. They had six children:

ALDEN C. is married, and is a practicing physician in Orleans Co.

POLLY, SOPHRONA, SUSAN, and JOHN, reside West.

ROLLIN married Ellen Baldwin, daughter of the late Dr. Thomas P. Baldwin. They reside in New Jersey.

JARED KNAPP was born in Stamford, Conn., July 25, 1755. He removed to this town about 1826, and settled on the East Hill, where he resided until his death, Oct. 22, 1848, in his 94th year. He was a soldier of the revolution, and delighted in relating his experiences in that trying and eventful conflict. He had nine children:

SOPHIA married Harmon Munger in Litchfield, Conn., and had eight children.

MARY married David Gibbs; removed to Warsaw, and then to Michigan, where she died.

WILLIAM married Eleanor Bishop, in Perry, and removed to Byron, Mich.

CHARLES H. married Roxcyntia Worden, of Orangeville. They have but one child living, Eva, who married Alva Manson, and lives in Harlem, N. Y.; has no children.

CATHARINE married Nathan Lamkins, and moved to Michigan.

GEORGE married Lucy Tripp, and removed to Michigan.

JANE married Dr. Hinman, of Allegany Co.

LUCY married E. D. Carpenter. [See Erasmus D. Carpenter.]

JULIUS married in Michigan; his wife died there, and he married a second, Catharine Snyder, and lives in Coldwater; has one child.

WILLIAM KNAPP, SEN., was born in Canaan, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1758. He married Olive Rowley. He came to this town some years later than some of his children, and settled in the north part of the town. He had ten children. The first five were born in Canaan; the others in Orwell, Vt.

DANIEL, WILLIAM. [See Sketches of their Families.]



OLIVE married Dwight Noble. They came to this town in 1806. He died Jan. 25, 1807, and was the first adult person who died in the town. She was in 1810 married to Solomon Morris, Jun. She had, by her first husband, two children: 1. Electa, who married Luther Watrous, of Perry. 2. Dwight, who married Eunice Watrous, sister of Luther.

JUSTUS married Hannah Smith, and removed to Michigan. They had five children: 1. Lucien. 2. Enoch. 3. Watson. 4. Emeline. 5. Electa.

MIMA, unmarried.

SALLY married Eliphalet Hovey. [See Hovey Family.]

ESRHER married Abel Taylor. Their children were: 1. Cook, who lives in Attica. 2. Juliatt, who married Horace Gladding, and resides in Attica. 3. Olive, who married James Doty, merchant, in Attica. 4. Phidello, who married Harriet Baker, of Attica, was a Captain in the late war, and was killed in battle.

BETHIA married Comfort Curtis, of Middlebury. They have a daughter who married Mr. Bliss, and who lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.

HARLEY, born Sept. 26, 1800, married Fanny Morris; had five children: 1. George, who died early. 2. Dwight, who married Miss Stedman. He has for many years been connected with the Central Railroad at Rochester. 3. Rowley, who is married, and lives in Livonia. 4. William, who went West, and died. 5. Olive, who married Hiram Ray, and lives in Livonia. Mr. Knapp was a member of the Methodist church, and died Sept. 23, 1842.

DANIEL KNAPP, son of William Knapp, Sen., was born in Canaan, Columbia Co. He came from Orwell, Vt., to this town, in 1806, where he resided until his death, Sept. 13, 1858, aged 79 years. He was for many years a justice of the peace, having been appointed by the council of appointment in 1812, 1814, 1815, 1818, 1821, and 1823. He had by his first wife, a son, William S., for a long time, and now, a resident of Gainesville.

WILLIAM S. was born in Orwell, Vt., Oct. 24, 1805, and married Amy Pike, by whom he had eight children: 1. Hulda Jane, who married John Leffingwell, and has four children. 2. Betsey S., who married William Russell. 3. Sarah Sophia, who married Nyrum Evans. 4. Amelia Maria, who married George Reynolds. 5. George Daniel, who married Elizabeth A. Allen. 6. Amy K., who married Richard Dewey. His first wife having died, Mr. Knapp married Mrs. Mary Ann Smith.



Daniel Knapp married for his second wife, Lydia Morris, a daughter of Solomon Morris, Sen., by whom he had eight children:

OLIVE, who married Geo. Babcock, a farmer, near Dansville.

SALLY, unmarried, resides in Gainesville.

LYDIA, who married James Morris, and removed to Aurora.

SOLOMON married Miss Truesdell, and removed to Indiana.

LOUISA married Mr. King, and removed to Iowa.

KEZIAH, unmarried, resides at Dansville.

DANIEL A. married Matilda M. Bingham, by whom he had five children. Mrs. Knapp died Sept. 2, 1864.

MARY married Mr. Knapp, of Aurora. They reside in Iowa.

Daniel Knapp married for his third wife, Polly Wiseman, by whom he had one daughter, Betsey.

WILLIAM KNAPP, son of William Knapp, Sen., was born in Canaan, N. Y., July 4, 1781. He removed to Hampton, where he married Clorinda Warren. He removed to this town the same year, and settled on a part of Lot 35, about a mile south of the village. He came the year previous, and purchased his land. He removed to Perry, where he died, March 31, 1859. His wife died in Moscow, Dec. 4, 1853. They had six children:

WILLIAM W. died in Michigan, in 1834, aged 27.

BETSEY married William Bingham. [See Sketch of his Family.]

RHODA married Daniel Cross, of Perry, July 18, 1855.

MARYETTE married Oliver Atherton, of Moscow, where she still resides. Mr. Atherton died there several years ago.

EUNICE C. married S. C. Smead. They have two children: Ella and Walter H.

JOHN R. KNAPP was born in Canaan, N. Y., July 7, 1787, and married Melinda Wilson. He removed with his family to Warsaw in 1812. They had nine children:

ELVIRA C. married Miles W. Vanfleet, and died in 1837, leaving two children.

JACOB W. married Elvira Putnam. They had seven children: Caroline Elvira, Augustus F., Harriet Celinda, Lucien P., Thomas E., John R., Margaret E., d. inf. Mr. Knapp has been several times elected Justice of the Peace, which office he now holds; was Postmaster, 1853-61; and Captain of a company in the late war. His sons, Augustus, Lucien, and Thomas, were with him in the service. [See War History.]

ORSON S. married Jane P. Lomax, of Columbus, O., and died in that state. They had six or seven children.

WILLIAM L. married Betsey A. Brockway; had a son, Theodore, who married a daughter of Walter R. Keith. He married, second, Miss Green. Children: Florence, William J., Elizabeth, Alvah.

MARGARET E. married Thomas J. Worthington, in Ohio.

HARRIET CELINDA married Joshua S. Batch, who died in the army. She died soon after.

JOHN R. married Ann Kennedy, in Ohio. Their children are: Melinda, John, Harry. He served four years as Quartermaster in the 4th Reg. O. Volunteers. He is now Clerk in the Treasury Department, 2d Auditor's office.

RUSSEL A. married Caroline Overdeen, in Ohio; died in Marion, Ohio, Jan. 30, 1848. They have a son, Edward.

John R. Knapp, Sen., removed to Marion, O., 1864. His wife died in 1848. He had by a second wife, a son, James.

AVERY LATIROP was born in Lebanon, Conn., Nov. 19, 1788; married Alvira Woodworth, in Le Roy, in 1826; and removed to Warsaw in 1828. He settled in the southeast part of the town, in the vicinity of the Free Will Baptist church, of which he is a member. He has ten children: Artemisia, who married Milton S. Webb, and moved to Ashtabula, O., and has two children, Mary and William; Achsah, who married Dewitt Akin; Angeline, who married Henry Webster; Alvira, who married John Cummings; Cornelia, Esther, Austin W., Mary, Charles A., and Lucy A.

ABRAM B. LAWRENCE, son of Albert and Mahala B. Lawrence, was born in Warsaw, May 18, 1834. Several years of his youth he served as merchant's clerk in this village. At the age of 19, he engaged as accountant in the publishing house of Phinney & Co., Buffalo; and after about two years he established a Drug Store at Niagara Falls. In 1859, in company with H. A. Metcalf, he erected and put in operation the Gas Works in this village. In 1862, he was commissioned by Gov. Morgan, Quartermaster of the 130th Reg. N. Y. Volunteers, afterwards the 1st N. Y. Dragoons, the duties of which he discharged with great energy, promptness and fidelity. In recognition of his meritorious services, he was promoted, and by President Lincoln commissioned, Captain and 1st Q. M., and assigned to the staff of Major-General Wm. F. Smith, and his successor, Major-General E. O. C. Ord. He was next promoted to the rank of Major, and made Chief Quartermaster of the famous 18th Army Corps. Upon the



*A. B. Lawrence*



consolidation of the 18th and 10th Corps, and creation of the 24th Corps, notwithstanding the various influences employed by aspirants holding older commissions, he obtained, unexpectedly, the assignment, by the Secretary of War and order of President Lincoln, of Chief Quartermaster of the 24th Army Corps, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In the final struggle, ending in the surrender of the rebel General Lee, he was placed in charge of the Quartermaster's Department of the Army of the James in the field, and afterwards by special order from General Grant, received the surrender from General Lee, and disposition of the property of the rebel army at Appomattox Court House. After closing the duties of his department at Richmond, he was sent by the War Department to the vicinity of the Rocky Mountains on special service under Lieut.-General Sherman, after declining many tempting positions. Upon retiring from military service, he received brevets "for faithful and meritorious services during the war." He is now one of a large Canadian Incorporated Company engaged in slate manufacturing, mining, etc., in the Province of Quebec, the business of which, as Secretary, Treasurer, and Managing Director, he is conducting with success. He was, in Warsaw, a member of the Congregational church. He married, in 1857, Elizabeth Faulkner, of Wheatland, and has two children, George and Winnie.

TRUMAN LEWIS was born in Farmington, now Avon, Connecticut, Nov. 5, 1784. When a small boy, he removed with his father and family to New Marlborough, Mass., and afterwards to Vernon, N. Y. In the spring of 1807, he came on foot from Vernon to Orangeville, then Genesee county. He bought a part of Lot No. 28, on which he settled several years before his marriage, a younger brother, Jason, living with him. He married Lucy Porter, a woman worthy and qualified to aid a pioneer in the struggles incident to the settlement and development of a new country. He was in the army in the war of 1812, holding a commission as Ensign from Gov. Tompkins. He was called out just as his crops were getting ripe, and he was obliged, as were many others, to go and leave the women to secure the harvest. He was frequently elected to the most important town offices. He was a member of Assembly for Genesee county in the years 1834 and 1835. He was appointed Treasurer of Wyoming county in 1841. He was also about 15 years agent for Wyoming county of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, successors of the old Holland Land Company; also agent for the town of Orangeville, for the Trustees under the will of



James Lloyd, of Boston, Mass. The last seven years of his life were spent in Warsaw, with a son. He was a member of the Presbyterian church in Orangeville from the date of, or soon after its formation, and of the Congregational church in Warsaw at the time of his death, during which period he exemplified the character of a Christian. He died in Warsaw, Sept. 15, 1865. Mrs. Lewis died in Rockford, Ill., Dec. 13, 1866. They had ten children:

CHARLOTTE married Rev. Ebenezer H. Stratton. They reside at Canoga, Seneca Co., N. Y.

DAVID married Mrs. Emeline Morton, and resides in Orangeville. Their children are: Francis, Edwin M., Judson R., William M., Lucy, and Mary Stratton.

JULIA married Edwin Snow. They reside in Avon, O.

ELIZA, born Feb. 20, 1820, married Harvey Stone, who was born Feb. 14, 1818. Their children are: 1. Almira A., who married George Parker. They reside in Auburn. 2. Maurice L., who married Frances E. Stanley. 3. Truman L.

CORINNA married Eli T. Cleveland; resides in Rockford, Ill.

PAMELIA married Geo. T. Cleveland; resides in Seward, Ill.

JANE married Frederick Shoemaker; lives in Rural, Wis.

LAURA married Samuel Seymour; lives in Rockford, Ill.

SIMEON D. married Sarah L. Canfield, and resides in Warsaw. He completed his school course at Genesee and Wyoming Seminary at Alexander; after which he was assistant teacher in the institution two years, and subsequently one year in Warsaw Academy. In March, 1855, he became a partner in the Drug and Grocery business with the late C. J. Judd, and continued in the business three years. In 1858, he went into the Hardware trade with Noble Morris, in which business the firm, Morris & Lewis, still continues. He is a man of irreproachable character, and a supporter of religious institutions. He is an influential member of the Congregational church, and has been for the last five years, and is at present, superintendent of its Sabbath-school.

FRANK married Julia Bristol, and resided on the homestead of his father in Orangeville, until 1867, when he removed to Warsaw, and formed a partnership in the Drug and Grocery business with Chauncey C. Buxton.

ASHLEY MANVILLE was born in Whitehall, Jan. 6, 1800, and married Sabrina Gallet. They removed to Warsaw in 1835, and settled in the south-west part of the town, on the farm on which he resided until his death, Feb. 10, 1860. He had held the office of Supervisor and other offices in the town. Mrs. Manville died Aug. 15, 1863. They had three

children: Martha, who married Joseph Ashley, and has two children, Mary and Ella; and two died young.

JOSIAH MARCHANT was born in Barnstable, Mass., and married Polly Cammet. They removed to Granville, N. Y., and thence to Warsaw in 1822. He settled on East Hill, where he died Nov. 19, 1840, aged 68 years. Mrs. Marchant was a member of the Presbyterian church, and died Nov. 4, 1855, aged 78 years. They had nine children:

OWEN, born in 1796, married Amanda Brown; removed to Warsaw, where he resided many years, and removed to Attica, where he now resides. He had five children: 1. Esther, who married Henry Finch. 2. Rodney, who married Miss Seeley, served in the war, and has a second wife. 3. Landon, who died at 18. 4. Jane, who married Mr. Brewer. 5. Polly. Mr. Owen Marchant has a second wife.

POLLY married Allen Fargo. [See Allen Fargo.]

LYDIA married William G. Whitney in Granville; came to Warsaw in 1821; lived here many years; removed to Mixville, where Mr. Whitney died. They had three sons: Edwin, Allen, Graves, all married and living in Mixville.

JOHN married Adeline Marchant. Children: Harriet; Jane, married Wm. A. Murray, of Greece, N. Y., and Marvin C.

ORRIN married Juliet Alverson, and resides in Mixville. His children are Eleanor, William, Polly, and Mary.

BETSEY married James Richards, who was born in Goshen, Conn., and came with his father's family to Warsaw in 1806. They had eight children: Warren, Ammi, both of whom died at 14; Sarepta, Rachel, who married Ira M. Hurd; Angeline, Marshal, Elizabeth, and Charley.

DEBORAH married, first, Warren Wait, and had by him two children, Alonzo and Henry. She married, second, Elisha Gates, and had by him a son, Francis.

ALLEN married, first, Olive Barnard, and had a son, Wesley. He married, second, Lucy A. Bryant, and had by her three children: Olive, who died about 12; Helen, and Edwin.

ELEZAR married, first, Clorinda Hitchcock, and had two children: 1. Mills W., who was in the war. [See War History.] He married Miss Hawley, and has a son. 2. Arabel, who married Mr. Buckout. Elezar Marchant married, second, Mary Rogers, by whom he has a daughter.

LOT MARCHANT was born in Barnstable, Mass., and married in Granville, Talitha C. Foote. He removed to this town in 1806, on East Hill, a mile east of the village, where Wm. Parker and Sylvanus Howes reside, and where he died, Aug. 8, 1828, aged 45 years. He had nine children:

ORRIN, who married Lodema Sanborn, and removed to Michigan, where he died. They had several children.

CLARISSA married Milo Allen. Children, Mary and Lot.

ADALINE married John Marchant.

HARRIET married Mason Wait. They removed to Illinois, and reside there. They have several children.

WARREN married Mary Osborn, and died in Cleveland.

MARY married Austin Lowell, and removed to Janesville, Wis. They have two children, Wallace and Eugene.

ALTA married Gardner E. Throop. [See D. H. Throop.]

MARIA married Leonard Bartlett, lives in Middlebury, and had four children: Hartwell, who died in Andersonville prison; Wilber, who died at about 12; Charles, Frederick.

CYRUS married Mary Bryant, and has five sons: Manville, Martin, Alfred, Warren, Frederick.

Mrs. Marchant married for her second husband, William Parker, by whom she had two children: 1. Ellen E., who married Sylvester Howes, and has a daughter, Alice C., who married Wesley Marchant. 2. Eliza A., who married Aurora S. Perkins, and has a daughter, Mariett.

MICAH MARCHANT married Unicy Lewis, of Granville, Oct., 1806, and settled in this town in the north part of this village. He died Jan. 6, 1813. They were early members of the Presbyterian church. Their children were:

AMMI, an early merchant in Silver Creek, who died after a few years' residence there, unmarried.

PHEBE, who married Horatio N. Farnham, who succeeded Mr. Marchant in business, at Silver Creek, where they still reside. Their children are: 1. Ann Amelia, who married Charles Wells, merchant, Silver Creek. 2. Mary Adelaide, who married Asa G. Talcott, and lives at Bellefontaine, Ind. 3. Unicy L., who married Rev. Augustus C. Shaw, now at Clayville, N. Y. 4. Horatio N., Jun., who married Maria Shiels, and lives in Buffalo. 5. Ammi M. 6. William L.

DAVID MARTIN, SEN., was born in Lebanon, Conn., in 1746(?) He married Elizabeth Kingsley, and soon after removed to Granville, N. Y., whence he came to this town in 1813, and settled on West Hill. He died a few months after, in July. Mrs. M. died Aug. 10, 1825, aged 75 years. They had nine children:

ANNA married Elisha Barnes. [See Family of E. Barnes.]

DAVID, Jun., was born April 24, 1785, and married Elizabeth Munger. He removed to Warsaw in 1813, after a period of service in the war of 1812. They had two children:

1. David Clark, who was born Sept., 1818, and resides on the homestead of his father on West Hill. He married Nov. 17, 1868, Sabra C. Lawson, of this town. 2. Emeline, born March 28, 1820, married Daniel Peck, in 1862. They now reside in the north part of this town. David Martin died Sept. 10, 1860. His wife died June 12, 1823.

BETSEY married Dr. Jabez Ward, of Perry.

AMY married James Clark. They removed to Kensington, Mich., where he died in 1838. She resides in this town.

ABIGAIL died at the age of 13.

ALFRED, born Oct. 10, 1794, went to sea and never returned.

CHARLOTTE married Amos Kingsley; had eleven children.

ORPAH married Erastus Wells, of Wethersfield, and had nine children.

SARAH is unmarried, and lives in this town.

MRS. LYDIA MARTIN, wife, afterwards widow of Dr. Levi Martin, and daughter of Isaac Phelps, came to this town from Washington county. Their children were: Horace, Mavor, Helen, Adalaide, Diantha, and Leonard L.

HORACE, born Nov. 30, 1805, married Drusilla German. They came to Warsaw in 1851. They had a son, Washington, born Feb. 22, 1832, and died Aug. 20, 1868.

MAVOR was born in Granville, May 15, 1809. He married Mary Frasier, of Orangeville, by whom he had five children: 1. Henry F., who married Editha Arnold, and resides in this town. 2. Hector C., a soldier in the late war, was taken prisoner at Newbern, N. C., and died in Andersonville prison, Aug. 7, 1864. 3. William Dexter, who served during the last three years of the war. 4. George F., who also enlisted in the army, and was killed in the second battle of Bull Run. 5. Ellen Jane, who died in her 11th year. Mrs. Martin died, and in 1850, Mr. Martin married his second wife, Virena Arnold, of Warsaw. They reside in this village.

HELEN married George Howard, of Buffalo, and died.

ADALAIDE, unmarried, resides in Warsaw.

DIANTHA married Henry Sheldon. They reside in this town. They had five children: 1. Anna Maria, who died at the age of 12. 2. George Clarence. 3. Ella Sophia. 4. Florence Adalaide. 5. Hattie Clark.

LEONARD L. married Charlotte Woodward, daughter of Henry Woodward. They have three children: Lois, Emaret, and Lewis. He resides two miles south of the village.

ISAAC MATTHEWS was born in Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 1, 1784. He married Anna Leonard, who died Dec. 11, 1819. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Hannah Savage, whose



name before her first marriage was Hannah Beach. He removed from Whitehall to Pavilion in 1833, and in 1844, to Warsaw. He died June 24, 1866, universally esteemed as a citizen and Christian. He was a member of the Congregational church, and had held for a number of years the office of deacon. He had by his first wife, four children:

SALMON L., who was born Nov. 18, 1808, and died in 1825.

ISAAC VINCENT was born Aug. 17, 1810, and married E. E. Bliss, who died. He married a second wife, Phebe Ann Brooks, a daughter of Hon. Benedict Brooks, of Covington, by whom he had five children: Martha, Henry, Charles B., Hugh, and Willie; who died at 5.

Mrs. Phebe Ann Matthews died Jan. 31, 1859. Mr. Matthews married Cynthia Clute. He resides in Genesee Falls.

LAURA A. married Philander F. May. They reside in Nashua, Iowa, and have had five children: 1. Alonzo M. 2. Mary. 3. Isaac. 4. Miranda. 5. Frank.

GEORGE L., born Oct. 13, 1818, and married Elizabeth C. Hannum, of Pavilion. He is a prominent citizen and merchant in Dubuque, Iowa.

Mrs. Hannah Savage, by her former husband, had a son, Luther W., who resides in Springfield, Erie Co., Pa. He married Harriet Russell, and had two children. Mr. Savage was for many years a teacher.

Mr. Isaac Matthews had by his second wife three children:

JOSIAH S. married Charlotte D. Strong, who died Jan. 22, 1856. He married H. Elizabeth Collins, May 16, 1860.

JOHN B., born Feb. 1, 1835, married Elizabeth S. Case, and has a son, Walter C. Mr. Matthews is one of the firm of Matthews & Brown, Druggists, in Warsaw.

MARY E., born Oct. 14, 1836, married George Duryee. They had three children: Edward, Charles, d. inf., and John M. Mr. Duryee was for several years in the Drug and Grocery business in this village, and now resides in New York.

FERDINAND C. D. McKAY was born in Skaneateles, Onondaga Co., N. Y., in 1811. From an early period in his life he was dependent mainly upon his own exertions for the means of education, and at the age of fourteen engaged in the occupation of school teaching to earn the means for prosecuting the study of law. He studied in the office of Daniel Kellogg, of Skaneateles; and in 1833, he married Angelina J. Judd, and removed to Warsaw the same year. He succeeded in the practice of law, James Crocker, Esq., whose residence he bought. He practiced with marked success about two years, when, in the fall of 1835, he made a contract





Yours  
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with Judge Webster for all his real estate in this town, about 640 acres of land, possession to be taken in April, 1836. This change of property, though it resulted in no benefit to the purchaser, proved advantageous to the village. [See p. 67.] His purchase and sale of real estate caused an interruption of a few years in his professional business, which he resumed, and continued until his removal from the town. Mr. and Mrs. McKay were members of the Presbyterian church until the formation of the Congregational church, which they joined at the time of its organization. In promoting the cause of temperance, he was a prominent and efficient actor, and was one of its ablest advocates. In the formation of the Antislavery Society in this town, in 1833 or 1834, he took a leading part, and was to the last in sympathy and coöperation with the friends of immediate emancipation. At the meeting (elsewhere alluded to,) held in this village in November, 1839, he was one of the majority who nominated James G. Birney the first time for the Presidency. He was a lawyer of acknowledged ability. He was appointed, in 1856, District Attorney for Wyoming county in the place of Harlow L. Comstock, elected County Judge, and was afterwards elected to the former office. In the winter of 1860-61, he removed with his family to Des Moines, the capital of Iowa. He devoted himself to the prosecution of his profession for about a year, when he received the appointment of Agent for Iowa, by the American Emigrant Company, in whose service he continued until his last sickness, having gained the warmest commendations and substantial rewards of the corporation. He had ten children, as follows:

FERDINAND C. DWIGHT, who married Julia Carpenter, and resides in Elmira. He has three children.

E. DE COST is a graduate of Yale College. He engaged for a time in the mercantile business, which he relinquished and removed to the city of New York, where, as agent, he is prosecuting the Life Insurance business with extraordinary success. He married Susie E. White, of Worcester, Mass., and has a daughter, Cora.

ANGELINA J. married Charles Mosher, formerly Cashier of Wyoming County Bank. They reside in Des Moines, Iowa, and have three daughters, Grace, Florence, and Maud.

EUDORA A. married J. B. Stewart, Esq., of Des Moines, and has two children, Mary and Cecil McKay.

AUGUSTA MARIA d. inf., in Warsaw, Jan. 11, 1841.

THEODORE E., unmarried, resides in New York city.

CHARLES J., FLORENCE E., JENNIE M., and WILLIAM L., reside at Des Moines.

JOHN A. McELWAIN came to this town in 1817, in the employ of Simeon Cumings, of Batavia, who had recently built the grist-mill and the oil-mill in this village, which were subsequently, at times, either wholly or in part conducted by him. In 1824, he purchased of Oliver Lee the north tavern stand, which, many years afterwards, he improved by erecting the present spacious three story brick structure in the place of the old wooden building. Soon after he commenced this business, he became interested in the running of stages, and in the transportation of mails. In this business his interest increased, until his stages were run, and carried the mails on every route passing through or terminating at Warsaw. This business he continued until his horses and coaches were superseded by the more expeditious "iron horse, whose sinews are steel, and whose provender is fire." He was elected Sheriff of Genesee county in 1831. He was a representative of that county in the Assembly in 1837; and a senator from the district including Wyoming county, in 1852 and 1853. He was also chosen Treasurer of Wyoming county. He has been a friend and promoter of public improvements; and he rendered efficient service in procuring the new county, and in the erection of the public buildings. By diligent attention to business and prudent management, he was enabled, many years since, to retire upon an ample competency from the active pursuits of life.

John A. McElwain, born in Palmer, Mass., Sept. 21, 1794, married, March 25, 1830, Polly Day, who was born in this town, March 10, 1811, and was a daughter of Col. Elkanah Day. She died, Aug. 24, 1834, leaving a daughter, Mary Isabel, who married Dr. Edward H. G. Mcchem.

Mr. McElwain married for his second wife, Lomira Sutherland, a daughter of Isaac Sutherland, Esq., of Batavia, Aug. 12, 1839. She was born Dec. 12, 1811. They have six children: John S., William Henry, Laura L., James Frank, Chipman Warren, and Frederick F.

JOHN McWHORTER removed from Granville to Warsaw in 1807, and settled on that part of Lot 36 now owned by Samuel Fisher, in the south part of the village. His wife, whose name before her marriage was Bethia Hall, died before his removal to this town. Their children were:

POLLY, who married Elkanah Day. [See Sketch of E. Day.]

JOHN married Clarissa Phelps and died in Granville. They had two children, who came to Warsaw with their mother, then the wife of Samuel Hough, her second husband.



J. A. McElwain.





1. Polly, who married Calvin Rumsey. [See Sketch of C. Rumsey.] 2. John, who married Betsey, daughter of Nathaniel Cumings, of Warsaw. He was a merchant in Warsaw and in Westfield, and afterwards, for several years, ticket agent of the Central Railroad in Buffalo. His services in this employment were unfortunately terminated by the total loss of his eye-sight. He died a few years since. He had several children.

JENNETT married Zera Tanner, in Granville. [See Zera Tanner.]

PATIENCE married Hezekiah Wakefield. [See H. Wakefield.]

CHLOE married Joel Phippeny, in Warsaw. They removed to Sheldon, where Mr. Phippeny died. She returned to Warsaw, removed to Belvidere, Ill., and died there.

DAVID died in 1809, at Manlius, N. Y.; and SAMUEL.

SAMUEL McWHORTER, son of John McWhorter, was born in Hebron, Washington Co., N. Y., Nov. 17, 1786. He removed to this town with his father from Granville, in 1807. He taught the first school in Warsaw. At the first town meeting after the formation of the town, in 1808, at the age of 21, he was elected Town Clerk, to which office he was several times reelected. He was for many years a Justice of the Peace, and for a term an Associate Judge of the County Court. And in 1822, he was a Member of Assembly from the county of Genesee. In 1834, having sold his farm, he removed to the town of Portland, Chautauqua Co.; thence to Westfield, where Mrs. McWhorter died. He subsequently removed to Belvidere, Ill. In 1856, he removed to Kilbourn City, Wis., thence to a farm a few miles distant, where he died in 1865.

Judge McWhorter married in Warsaw, for his first wife, Annis Brown, of Mass., a sister of the wife of Dr. Sheldon. They had eight children:

CAROLINE, who married Horace Hollister. [See Horace Hollister.]

ISABEL married Joseph Riddel, in Westfield, and removed to Cherry Valley, Ill., where he died in 1864. They had six children: Annis, Samuel, Gertrude, William, Caroline, and one d. inf.

JOHN, who died young, in Warsaw.

MILO, who is married, and lives in Wisconsin.

MATTHEW was a soldier in the Mexican war, and died at New Orleans, at the age of 25.

SAMUEL is married, and lives on the farm on which his father died, in Wisconsin.

WILLIAM H. died in Belvidere, Ill., at the age of 22.

JOHN A. is a graduate of Beloit College, Wis., is married, and has several children. He is, and has been for several years, instructor in the State Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, at Delavan, Wis.

Whilst residing at Belvidere, Judge McWhorter married, (1849,) for his second wife, Susan Phelps, of Warsaw, who lives with his son Samuel, in Wisconsin.

JOHN P. MEAD was born in Morristown, N. J., March 12, 1806. He was a son of Dr. Leonard Mead, who was a graduate of Yale College. He married Phebe Ferris, and removed to Warsaw in 1837. He had eight children:

WILLIAM J., who married Henriett E. Graves, of Eagle, and has three children, Emma, Willis F., and Lemuel.

GEORGE W., who married Gussie Wise, of Troy, Ill. Children: George W., Lewis M., and Ada M.

MARY E. married George M. Pierce, and has two children: Martha D. and Mary D.

MILFORD A. married Mary C. Whitney, and has three children: John P., 3d, Nelly A., and Mary.

JOHN P., Jr., and SAMUEL, reside in Warsaw.

MARTHA and MARTHA A., both died young.

ELI MERRILL was born in Litchfield, Oneida county, in 1804. He came to Sheldon in 1821, where he married Minerva Humphrey, daughter of Dea. Theophilus Humphrey. She died, leaving a daughter, Minerva, who married William Hewett for her first husband, and for her second, John H. Rogers. They live in Java. Mr. Merrill came to Warsaw in 1832, and taught school on West Hill. In 1834, he married Ann M. Burr, of Perry. He taught school some time in Tennessee, and removed to Chautauqua county, where he resided until 1847. He returned to Warsaw in that year, and resided here until his death, April 20, 1861. He had by his second wife, five children: Asa Burr, William Henry, [see Sketches,] Chauncey Gates, Cynthia L., who married Charles H. Huntley, and lives in Jamestown, and J. Milton, now in Oberlin College.

Mrs. Ann M. Merrill married, June, 1866, Asa Cady, of Collamer, O., where she resides.

ASA B. MERRILL, son of Eli Merrill, was born in Perry, Aug. 6, 1836. He came to Warsaw with his parents in 1847 and received here a thorough academical education. In,



*Asa B. Merrill.*





September, 1861, after the second call for volunteers, he was among the first to enlist in a Company of Cavalry, and entered at once into the work of raising volunteers; and by the combined labors of Capt. Stimson, Lieut. Lapham, and himself, the Company was raised, and started for Camp on the 3d of October. He was elected and appointed First Lieutenant. In the spring of 1862, his Regiment, 9th N. Y. Cavalry, was ordered to join the army of the Potomac, as part of the reserve in McClellan's siege of Yorktown, during which he had command of the Company. In May the Company was ordered back to Washington, and he was commissioned as Captain. A fever, brought on by over-exertion and exposure, prostrated him, and he died on the 23d of June. The body was embalmed, and sent home. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church, which was draped with emblems of mourning. He was the only officer from here who lost his life in the service; and his was the first public funeral of a volunteer from this town. He was a true soldier, and an efficient officer. His future was radiant with promise; and in the midst of labors but just begun, and plans which his talent and energy fitted him to prosecute with success, he closed his earthly career. His loss was deeply deplored.

WILLIAM H. MERRILL was born in Stockton, Chautauqua county, July 3, 1840, and came with his father to Warsaw when seven years old. He received his education in the common school and Warsaw Academy. He entered the office of the Wyoming County Mirror as an apprentice, in 1855; and became one of the proprietors in 1857. In the spring of 1860, he went with E. L. Babbitt to Waukon, Iowa, where they established the North Iowa Journal, of which he was joint editor and proprietor, until the spring of 1861. He returned to Warsaw, and in company with J. P. Morse, purchased the Western New Yorker. In Sept., 1862, he bought the interest of his partner, and conducted the paper alone until October, 1864, when the New Yorker and the Mirror were consolidated under the firm of Dudley & Merrill; Mr. Merrill, editor. From 1863 to 1866, he was Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. In 1864, he was appointed Loan Commissioner, and was re-appointed in 1866. He was appointed Executive Clerk of the State Senate in 1866, and served through two sessions of the legislature. In 1867, he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, and served on the Committees on Suffrage and Printing. He married, in 1863, Flora J. Judd, daughter of the late Charles J. Judd, and has two sons, Charles J. and Wm. Henry.

EDWIN B. MILLER was born in Rutland, Vt., Aug. 1, 1809. After a brief apprenticeship at the printing business at Royalton, Vt., he established the Weekly Register at New Bedford, Mass., in 1831, and continued its publication nearly two years. In 1835, he went to Bangor, Maine, as managing agent of a branch of a Hardware house in New Bedford, which position, after about one year, he resigned. He next engaged in the Corn and Flour trade in Bangor, which he relinquished in 1837, and removed to Warsaw. Here he soon became interested with his brother in the manufacture and sale of Frank Miller's "Oil Blacking;" which business, under the firm of Frank Miller & Co., is still continued. [See Frank Miller.] In 1862, he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., to superintend the business of the firm, which had been removed to the city of New York. In 1840, himself and wife united with the Presbyterian church in Warsaw. He was soon after elected an elder of the church and clerk of the session, which offices he held until his removal to Brooklyn. He has several times been a delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. The institutions of the church and the interests of religion in general, receive his cordial and active support. Mr. Miller married, May 17, 1836, at Pittsford, Vt., Rebecca C. Moulton, who was born at Castleton, Vt., May 29, 1810. Their children were: William Moulton, who died at 2½ years; Frances S. and Martha H., who are both living.

FRANK MILLER came from Granville to this town in 1819, then a youth of about fifteen, fatherless, and without a relative here. Having no trade, and for a number of years no regular employment at any one kind of business, he associated himself with Samuel Munger in the Tanning and Shoe business, in the old establishment of Deacon Munger, a half mile south of the village, in which business he continued one year or more. Having acquired some knowledge of the business, he formed a connection with Isaac Preston; and they purchased the tannery of Calvin Rumsey in this village. About the year 1835, Mr. Preston withdrew from the concern; and Mr. Miller became sole proprietor, and after a year or two discontinued the business. He soon after invented his "Water Proof Oil Blacking." Fortunately he early formed a partnership with his brother, Edwin B. Miller, a systematic business man. Their capital was small, and for years their business was quite limited. But by energy and perseverance it has been extended, until "Miller's Blacking" finds sale in nearly every state in the Union. The annual sales of his different kinds of blacking, and his "Prepared Harness Oil,"



*Frank Miller.*



have reached an amount not dreamed of by the inventor when he commenced in this village the sale of his single original article from a basket. During his long residence in this town, Mr. Miller has not only maintained a good character in the common acceptation of that term, but has been a useful citizen, ever ready to engage in efforts for the suppression of vice in its various forms, and for the improvement of the moral and social condition of the community. He has for nearly forty years, and his wife for a longer period, been a member of the Presbyterian church in this town. He has ever been liberal, according to his means, in contributing to the support of the institutions of religion. He has also been an active coöperator in making public improvements. He has contributed materially to the improvements of the streets and the building of the principal bridges in this village; and many of the trees which ornament and shade our streets, have been gratuitously brought into the village by his teams, and set with his own hands. He is at present President of the Board of Trustees of the village. Frank Miller was born in Wallingford, Vt., March 23, 1804. Lois Savage, whom he married in this town, Nov. 20, 1827, was born in Granville, N. Y., July 12, 1807. They had six children: Edwin A., Delia S., James Franklin, d. inf., James Lovejoy, Frank C., and Henrietta L.

EDWIN A. was born Nov. 18, 1828. He married Rebecca McKay, of Caledonia. He has ever been a resident of Warsaw, and has for many years past been in the Boot and Shoe trade. They are members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is also an elder. He is also and has been for several years Superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He had six children: Estelle C., Frank, Alida, Robert D., William E., and Charles L., d. inf.

DELIA S., born April 5, 1831, married Rev. Washington D. McKinley, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, who has been for many years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tuscarora, Livingston Co., and is at present pastor of the Presbyterian church in Moscow. They had four daughters, all of whom d. inf.

JAMES L. was born Oct. 15, 1837, and married Fanny L. Savage, daughter of the late Rev. Amos Savage, of Connecticut. They have had two children, a daughter, Alice, d. inf., and Frank. They reside in Brooklyn.

FRANK C., born Jan. 11, 1840, died Sept. 16, 1855.

HENRIETTA L., born Dec. 30, 1845, married Dr. Jacob K. Smith, of Moscow, where they reside.



SOLOMON MORRIS, SEN., was born Sept. 5, 1755. He married Keziah Moss, October 1, 1779. He removed from Hampton to Warsaw in 1807, and settled on the north part of Lot 26. He purchased also the grist-mill built, and nearly completed by Joseph Mauly. This was the first grist-mill in the town. Mr. Morris was an upright man, and a good citizen. He was a member of the Methodist church, and is said to have been a member of the first Methodist class formed in this town, about the year 1809. He had twelve children: Lyman, Salmon, d. inf., Sally, who married Simeon Gibson, Nathaniel, died at ten, Solomon, Jun., Lydia, who married Daniel Knapp, Rufus and Lucy, d. inf., Rufus, Luther, who died at 16, Lucy, and Mary who married Nye Stevens. [The families of the adult children are noticed in separate sketches under the names of the sons, and the names of the husbands of the daughters, except Lucy.]

LUCY married Carl W. Flower. They removed to Beaver, Pa., where he died. They had seven children: Jared, Esther, Ann, Hiram, Wheat, Wylie, and Lomelia.

LYMAN MORRIS was born June 24, 1780, and married Resina Hotchkiss in Hampton, Nov. 1798. He removed to this town in 1804, and settled a mile north of the village, where he resided until his death, Jan. 16, 1854. His wife died Jan. 23, 1829. They had five children:

GEORGE W., who was born Jan. 12, 1800, and married Minerva M. Scovel in 1823. He settled in the north part of the town, where he resided many years, and removed to the village, where he died, Nov. 1865. He was a highly esteemed citizen. He was elected in 1831, a Justice of the Peace for the term of four years, and again in 1839. He was a man of strict integrity, and firmness of principle. He was a thorough temperance man, and a friend of universal freedom, and lived to rejoice in the entire abolition of slavery in the United States. He was a member of the Methodist church, and one of its main pillars. His wife and a part of the family still reside in the village. They had seven children, of whom five are living, two having died young: 1. Harriet A., 2. Resina; 3. Mariett, who married James H. Sperbeck, and had two children; 4. Nathan Jackson, who married Geraldine L. Holly, daughter of Alanson Holly, is a druggist in Chicago, and has a son; 5. Marvin S., who married Loduski Blair, and has a son, George E.

JONATHAN F., born Dec. 11, 1802, married Emeline B. Otis. Their children are, 1. William T., who married Harriet Emmons, and resides in New Lisbon, Wis.; 2. Justin O., who

married Elizabeth Lewis, and has three children, Frank J., Eva, and Lewis. 3. Miles H., who married Mary Smith. He was formerly a partner in the firm of Garretsee & Morris in the Hardware trade in this village, and is now in the same business in Chicago, one of the firm of Morris, Hodge, & Homer. 4. David G., who married Elizabeth Weter, and is a physician in Sharon, Wis. 5. Julia Minerva, who married Morton Post, a Captain in the late war. They reside in Chicago. 6. Mary E., who married Lucien H. Post, publisher of the Elgin Gazette, Elgin, Ill.

FANNY K., born July 24, 1805, married Harley Knapp. [See Family of Wm. Knapp, Sen.] She married a second husband, Abel Ray, and resides in Livonia.

MARIA, born Nov. 16, 1808, married David Otis, and removed to Henrietta. They have three children: Lyman, Harrison, and David. Mr. Otis died in 1837. Mrs. Otis married a second husband, Alfred Williams. They have three children: Maria, May, and Frances.

HIRAM, born Aug. 16, 1809, married Sophia Gay. Their children are, 1. Solomon, who married Miss Bradt, and resides in Middlebury. 2. Maria, who married John West, and had two children, Mary and Zella. Mrs. W. died, and Mr. W. married Mary S. Barber. 3. Lavira, who married Edward Benedict, of Perry. They have three children, and reside in Chicago.

SOLOMON MORRIS, Jun. was born Aug. 9, 1787, and came from Hampton to Warsaw in 1806. He married Mrs. Olive Noble, widow of Dwight Noble, and settled on the farm on which his son Luther now resides, a mile and a half south of the village. He was conscientious and upright in his intercourse with his fellow men, and enjoyed in a high degree the public confidence. He was for many years the principal surveyor of lands in this town; and he was eleven times elected Supervisor, which office he held at the time of his death. He returned home, ill, from the annual meeting of the Board of Supervisors at Batavia, and never recovered. He died Nov. 20, 1839, aged 52 years. His wife died Sept. 22, 1852, aged 69 years. They had seven children:

ROWLEY was born Dec. 30, 1811, and commenced the practice of medicine in this town. He married Harriet Foster, and removed to Brodhead, Wis., where he is still a practicing physician. After a residence there of ten or twelve years, his wife died. He married a second wife, by whom he has several children.

LUTHER M. was born Jan. 3, 1815; married Lucy Bradley of Middlebury, and resides on the homestead of his father. They have a son, Charles L., who married Emma A. Truesdell, and resides in this town.

NOBLE was born March 21, 1817; married Betsey A. Doolittle, of Wethersfield, and had by her three children: Ann Janett D., d. inf.; Edward Herbert, and Emma Charlotte. Mrs. Morris died Aug. 19, 1863. Mr. Morris married for his second wife, Mrs. Helen L. Benedict, daughter of Chauncey Doolittle, of Wethersfield. He has been for many years engaged in the hardware trade in this village, commencing with Israel Hodge, firm Hodge & Morris. Otis S. Buxton having bought out Hodge, the firm was Morris & Buxton. They sold a third interest to C. & T. Buxton; and Morris subsequently sold his interest to the Buxtons; and, in connection with Simeon D. Lewis, bought out the Buxtons. The business is still continued under the firm of Morris & Lewis.

SALLY, born Nov. 30, 1819, married Israel Hodge. [See Hodge Family.]

SALVIRA, born Nov. 14, 1821, married Benjamin B. Conable. [See Sketch.]

EMELINE, is unmarried, and resides in Warsaw.

SOLOMON was born Sept. 29, 1827, and married Pamela J. Ensign, of this town.

RUFUS MORRIS was born April 15, 1794; married Lucy Bebens, and settled in the south part of the town, where he now resides. He has been a member of the Methodist church in this town from an early period of its existence to the present time. He has had nine children, one d. inf.

LAURA, who married Daniel H. Gibson. [See Gibson Family.]

NERISSA married John Keith, and had six children.

LUTHER S. married Elizabeth Glazier, and had three children.

THOMAS W. married Jane Patterson, and has a son, Clinton.

EUPHRASIA E. married Alva Baker. Children: Lucy and Ella.

MARY E., ELIZA A., and SARAH K., are unmarried.

Mr. Morris married a second wife, Mrs. Ann Blaisdell.

JOHN MORRIS was born May 17, 1786, and was married at Whitehall, N. Y., to Alma Morgan. They removed to this town in June, 1810, and settled about one mile south of the village. Mr. Morris and his wife united with the

Methodist church at the time of its organization, and retained their connection with it until their removal to Aurora. Both are dead. They had seven children, all born in Warsaw, as follows:

JOHN A., born Aug. 3, 1810, married Levirah Hatch. Their children were, 1. Carissa, d. inf. 2. George Wesley, who married Sarah Woodward, of Batavia, and is a merchant in Troy. 3. Clarissa Jane, who married Orville L. Howard, of Brockport, and removed to Michigan. 4. Charles William.

DAVID JAMES married Lydia Knapp, and had five children; three are living: Lucia, who married William Baker; Ellen, and Udelmer.

GEORGE CLINTON married Abigail Leach, and moved to Michigan; had two children; George, died at 16; and Viletta.

WILLIAM married Caroline Boyce, and died in 1865. They had two children: one, Harland, is living.

Z. PADDOCK married Lucy Bedow, of Warsaw, and died, Dec. 27, 1864, of sickness contracted in the army.

LAFAYETTE married Amanda Graves, and has three children, Jennie, Charles, and William.

LINUS, born March 23, 1827; died Nov. 5, 1846.

DEA. JOHN MUNGER was born June 12, 1781, in Connecticut. Having there served an apprenticeship at the tanner's trade, he went to Granville, N. Y., and worked as a journeyman several years for Abraham Dayton. He married Irene Clark, of Pawlet, Vt., who was born Jan. 17, 1785. In 1806, he removed to Warsaw, and settled half a mile south of the village, where, for many years, he carried on the business of farming and that of manufacturing leather. He united with the Presbyterian (then Congregational) church at an early period after its organization, and was soon after chosen a Deacon, and after its change of form to Presbyterian, a ruling elder, which office he held until his death. Though he was not one of the ten of whom it was first composed, he was justly regarded as one of its fathers, being ever mindful of its interests. While most of its members were poor, he furnished no small proportion of the requisite funds for its support. And having no heirs to provide for, he bequeathed to the church and society four thousand dollars to be applied to the building of a new house of worship. He sold his farm and removed to the village in 1852 or 1853. His wife died April 30, 1854. He married, second, Susan Ranger, who died April 22, 1861, aged 79. June 26, 1862, he married Mrs. Ruth E. Tanner. He died Oct. 23, 1864, aged 83 years.



SAMUEL MUNGER was born in Roxbury, Conn., in 1784. He married Olive Lyon. They removed to Warsaw in 1816, and settled in the south-west part of the town. They had five children:

ANNIS married Hiram F. Walker. [See Warham Walker Family.]

MORGAN M. married Parnel Kingsley. Their children, living, are: 1. Jason, who married Elizabeth Vanderwerken, and resides in Warsaw. 2. Porter B., who married Maria Hoisington, and served in the war. 3. Samuel, who married Martha Dutton, and resides in Warsaw. 4. Henry. 5. Annis, who married Marion Baldwin. 6. Elmira. 7. Julia Florence. 8. George W. 9. Eugene. 10. Charles M.

ROBERT R. married Charlotte Wethy. Their children are: 1. Mary J., who married George W. Seeley, who died, leaving a son, Charles Delos. 2. Clark D., who married Martha Pettibone, and removed to Kilbourn City, where he died. They had four children; only one, Ellis D., is living. 3. Hannah Loretta, who married Uriah Cleveland, and had three children, of whom one, Charlotte, is living. Mrs. Cleveland died in 1863. 4. Cordelia. 5. Eliza, who married Irvin W. York, and resides in Kilbourn City, Wis. They have two children, Eugene and Hattie Mary.

R. R. Munger married a second wife, Mrs. Eliza Wadsworth, by whom he had three children: 1. Samuel J., who married Nancy Judd, and has a daughter, Cora Bell, and a son. Mrs. Munger died in 1868. 2. De Witt C., who married Fanny Felch, of Castile. 3. Ellen, who married Addison Brainerd, of Gainesville.

Mr. Munger now resides in the village. He has been a large owner of real estate, in town and village, at different times.

SAMUEL married Cornelia Clark, and removed to Gowanda. Their children were: Jennett, Charles, William, dead, Samuel Clark, and three d. inf.

CAROLINE married Robert Austin, of Perrysburg.

SAMUEL E. MURRAY was born in 1797; married Cynthia Beebe, and removed from the eastern part of the state into this village, where he carried on the Boot and Shoe Making business until disabled by the sickness which terminated his life, May 18, 1844. He had ten children, as follows:

DEAN E. married Samantha Andrews; is a Physician in Bergen.

SAMUEL A. married, first, Cynthia Beebe; and for his second wife, Mrs. Augusta Parker.







Yours truly,  
Jos. E. Nassau

MARY J. married Elijah W. Andrews, for many years a prominent business man in Warsaw. They have three children, Anna J., Frank, and Louis.

DONALD A. married Jane Wright; has two children, Blanch and Charles.

JOHN P. served in the late war. Married in 1868.

CYNTHIA married Newton Ten Eyck; has a son, James.

CAROLINE, twin sister of Cynthia, married Chauncey L. Sheldon Hammond, cashier of a Bank at Clinton, Mass.

KATE married Henry Barras. They reside in Rushford.

ROBERT, unmarried, lives in Rushford.

ARAMINTA married Shipman White, and has a son, Willie.

REV. JOSEPH E. NASSAU was born in Norristown, Pa., March 12, 1827. He is the eldest son of the Rev. C. W. Nassau, D. D., now of Lawrenceville, N. J. In his sixteenth year he united with the Presbyterian church at Easton, Pa. He graduated at La Fayette College, at Easton, 1846. He was for nearly two years thereafter Tutor in the College; and subsequently classical instructor in the Literary Institute, at Lawrenceville, N. J. He entered the Theological Seminary at Princeton in 1849, and graduated in 1852. He had been licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Newton in 1851. In 1853, he established the Female Institute at Wilkesbarre, Pa. After two years, he resigned the principalship, desiring to enter more fully on the work of the ministry. In August, 1855, he commenced his ministry in Warsaw; was unanimously chosen pastor of the church in September, and installed, Oct. 24, by the Presbytery of Genesee River. During his pastorate, the church has shared in several revivings, and has steadily grown in numbers and usefulness. He is at present in the fourteenth year of his ministry over his first and only charge—the longest continuous pastorate in Wyoming County.

Mr. Nassau was married, Oct. 16, 1856, to Elizabeth W., daughter of the late Dr. Augustus Frank. She was born Sept. 21, 1829. They had three children: Jennie Frank, Charles J., who died at 2 years of age, and Isabella H.

RUSSEL NOBLE was born in Pittsfield, Mass. He married Cynthia Palmer, at Orwell, Vt. They removed to this town and settled on West Hill in 1811. He had three children:

ACHSA, born Feb. 4, 1797, married Samuel Salisbury. [See S. Salisbury.]

ANNA C. was born Sept. 27, 1803; married Isaac Shaw, and settled in Westfield, where Mr. Shaw recently died. They had three children, of whom two, Melvina and Mertilla, are living.

ELIJAH NORTON was born in Hebron, Washington Co. July 2, 1790. He came to this town from Granville in 1815. He was by trade a Cloth Dresser; but has been engaged in other pursuits, chiefly farming. He married Lucinda Webster, a daughter of Elizur Webster, and had by her eight children, as follows:

ELEANOR C., who married John Wiser. They had six children: Frances, who died at 16; Elias, Ann Amelia, John, Cary T., Cora, d. inf.

ELIZUR W. married, first, Isabel Tanner, by whom he had two daughters, Elsie and Isabel. He married for his second wife, Viola Whiting, by whom he has two children, Mary and Adelia.

SYLVESTER B. married Mary Morey, and had five children, Emma, Frank, Alice, d. inf., George M., and Bertha. He resides in Warsaw.

HENRY W. married Mariett Stevens, daughter of Nye Stevens. They have a son, Charles, aged 14.

FERRIS W. married, first, Sybil Clark, daughter of John F. Clark, by whom he had a daughter, Cora. He married a second wife, Mrs. Helen Pierson, by whom he has two sons, Willie, and Eddie Ferris.

CARY T. is unmarried, and lives in Warsaw.

AMELIA M. married Alfred W. Hoyt. They have two children, Frank and Elbert. Mr. Hoyt served in the late war. [See War History.]

WEBSTER married Mary Donohue, and resides in this town.

THOMAS PAINTER was born in Roxbury, Conn., and was married to Sarah Packard. They removed from Connecticut to Paris, N. Y.; thence to Perry; and in 1834, to Warsaw. Mr. Painter died in this town, June 23, 1845, aged 72; Mrs. Painter, Jan. 4, 1852, aged 72. Both were members of the Presbyterian church. They had a son.

EDWIN, son of Thomas Painter, was born in Roxbury, Conn., Jan. 24, 1804, and married in Perry, Nov. 12, 1826, Hannah Burke, who was born in Barre, Vt., March, 1802. They had four children: 1. Thalia, born Aug. 24, 1827; died Aug. 11, 1850. 2. Sarah, born Oct. 7, 1832, married James N. Barnett, and has two children, Sarah Elizabeth and Edwin P. 3. Mary, born Aug. 27, 1837, married Mr. Benedict. 4. Jane. Mr. Painter was for many years an assessor of the town and village. He died two or three years since.

NEHEMIAH PARK, SEN., became an early resident in South Warsaw, where, for many years, he kept a public house. He retired from the business a long time before his death. He died in South Warsaw, March 11, 1838, aged 85 years.

NEHEMIAH PARK, Jun., son of the above, was born in Tyringham, Mass., in or near the year 1779. He had by his first wife, two children, Archibald and Caroline.

ARCHIBALD married in Ashtabula, O., and was for many years a printer and publisher of a newspaper in Elyria, O., where he now resides. He had four children.

Nehemiah Park, Jun., married for his second wife, Miss Hill, of Canaan, N. Y. He purchased land in Gainesville, in 1806, and settled there in 1809. In 1814, he settled at South Warsaw, and kept a tavern and a store—the latter for a year or more. This was the first store in that place. His attention was thereafter given chiefly to farming. He was several times chosen Supervisor of the town, and to other town offices. He died June 16, 1852, aged 73 years. He had by his second wife four children: Alvira, Clarinda, Nehemiah, and Edwin.

ALVIRA married Lyman Parker, and lives in Yorkshire. Their children are Wilber, Clarissa, Cynthia, Lyman and Edwin.

CLARINDA married William Gibson. [See Gibson Family.]

NEHEMIAH, born Nov. 2, 1816, married Ann Janett Doolittle, of Wethersfield. He engaged in the mercantile business in Gainesville, in 1839, in which he continued nine years. In 1851, he removed to this village, and traded in Books and Stationery, and Crockery, and has since been a dealer in various kinds of goods. He has had three children: 1. Ellen, who married E. P. Harris, of Amherst, Mass., and has a son, Edwin Park. 2. Frederick J., d. inf. 3. Harry Nehemiah.

EDWIN married Olive Osborn, of Cuba, and died there Sept. 1863. He had three children, George, Emma, and William Nehemiah.

JOSEPH PALMER was born in Bennington, Vt., and married Polly Swap, in Hampton, N. Y. He came to this town in 1804, and settled near the burying ground. About the year 1822, he removed with his family to Cuba, Allegany county, where he resided until his death. He had fourteen children, of whom seven died in infancy and early childhood.

JOSEPH, who married, first, Maria Francis. He married a second wife in Virginia, by whom he had six children, of



whom four, Jasper, Joseph, Charlotte, and George are living. He resides in Cuba.

HANNAH married Horatio Slayton, who died in Ohio.

MARIA married John Slayton, and died in Chicago.

POLLY married John Murray, and moved to Clarksville.

GEORGE is married, and lives in Clarksville, Allegany Co.

HARRIET married John Izener in Clarksville, and died.

ALTA married John Jackson, in Cuba; died in Michigan.

ELIPHALET PARKER came to this town in 1807, and settled on the East Hill, on Lot 22. He had six sons, all of whom settled in the same neighborhood. Mr. Parker was one of the ten persons who composed the Presbyterian, then Congregational church, at its formation in 1808, and was one of the two Deacons then chosen. His sons were, Eliphalet, Benjamin, Ira, Giles, John G., and Lyman. The father and three of the sons, Eliphalet, Benjamin, and John G., died of the memorable epidemic of 1812-13.

ELIPHALET had six children: 1. Phebe, who married Kilbourn D. Smith, and resides in Wethersfield. They had three sons and four daughters; of the latter, one is dead. 2. Valentine, who married Phebe Ann Gould, and has no children. 3. Sydney, who married, first, Harriet Gardner; second, Clarissa Gardner, and has no children. 4. Lyman, who married Elvira Park, and had three sons and two daughters. 5. and 6. Leverett and Cynthia, both unmarried.

BENJAMIN, died unmarried.

IRA married Sylvia Norton, of Granville, and had two sons: 1. Harvey, who was born April 10, 1804, and married Charity Morgan. He removed with his family to Wisconsin. He had six sons and three daughters. Of the six sons, five served in the late war. 2. Harry J., who was born Jan. 29, 1806, and married Emily Kellogg, and removed to Attica, where he still resides. He has had twelve children; seven are living: Edward H., Albert J., Libbie, Etta, Nellie, Robert G., and Harry J.

GILES married Rhoda Norton, in Granville. He settled in Warsaw in 1806. He had six sons: 1. William, who married Mrs. Talitha C. Marchant, widow of Lot Marchant, [See Lot Marchant.] 2. Giles; 3. Lafayette; 4. Wicks; 5. Ledyard; 6. Trumbull. All the sons, except William, removed to Crawford Co., Pa., the three youngest of whom died in the late war.

JOHN G. married Joanna Whitlock. He served in the war of 1812, and died, soon after his return, of the prevailing epidemic, Nov. 16, 1812. He left a son, John, who is married, and resides in Buffalo.

LYMAN married Katy Googins; lived many years in this town, and removed to Wisconsin. His children were Tamma, Aurilla, Siberia, dead; Eveline, dead; Jennett, dead; Erastus, and John.

WILLIAM PATTERSON was born in Londonderry, N. H., June 4, 1789. He left Londonderry in 1815, and resided in Rensselaerville, Albany Co., about one year. From that time until April, 1822, he resided in Lyons, Wayne Co., and in Groveland and Sparta, Livingston Co. During these years he was engaged in the manufacture and sale of farming mills. In the winter of 1821-22, he purchased a farm in the south-east part of this town, and took possession of it in April following. He remained there, conducting the farming and mill making business until 1837, when he removed to the village, occupying the premises, now the residence of John A. McElwain, on Genesee street. Though favored with a common school education only, he acquired, by extensive reading, aided by a retentive memory, a large fund of practical information, which enabled him to give ready and satisfactory answers to the numerous inquiries for information which he received. He was an early and active friend of the temperance and antislavery causes. Possessing an amiable temper and a highly social nature, his presence was always acceptable, and his conversation agreeable and instructive. Taking a deep interest in public affairs, he made himself familiar with all questions involving the welfare of the state and nation; and although qualified for offices of high responsibility, he never sought or asked for one. He however occasionally received a town office, the duties of which were faithfully discharged. In 1836, his name was, without his knowledge, proposed in the Whig Convention for nominating a member of Congress to represent this district, then composed of the county of Genesee; and he was nominated and elected. In September, 1837, he took his seat in Congress at an extra session, and attended also the first regular session which closed in July, 1838. He returned somewhat indisposed, and was soon prostrated by the disease (bilious fever,) of which he died, Aug. 14, 1838. He was one of our most worthy and highly esteemed citizens. His death was deeply deplored, and his funeral attended by a large concourse of people from this and other towns. On the reassembling of Congress in December, Hon. Millard Fillmore, of the House, appropriately announced his death, speaking of his "untiring assiduity in the discharge of his duties," of his honesty and his firmness of purpose, &c.; and at the conclusion of his remarks,

offered the usual resolution for testifying the respect of the members for the memory of the deceased.

William Patterson was married, Feb. 5, 1828, to Lucinda Gregg, of Derry, N. H. She was ill at the time of his death, and died a week after, suddenly, while seated at the breakfast table. Their children were:

MARY, who died in Warsaw at the age of three years.

WILLIAM W., born Feb. 11, 1831. He resides in Minnesota, and is at present a member of the Legislature of that state. He served in the late war; was a Lieutenant in the Regular Army, and was in several battles.

JENNIE FRANK, who was born Oct., 1832, and married Rev. Stuart Mitchell. She died March 13, 1864.

THOMAS JAMES, who died in Warsaw, aged two years.

WASHINGTON JARVIS, who died in Warsaw, aged two years.

PETER PATTERSON was born in Londonderry, N. H., Nov. 14, 1779. In 1806, he engaged in the mercantile business, and won the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens, which he retained to the end of his life. He held various town offices, and served several years in the legislature of his native state. In 1829, he removed to this place, and the next year to Perry. In 1832, he was elected to the legislature, and reelected the following year. After the organization of this county, he was appointed one of its associate judges, and for sixteen years held the office of justice in Perry. During his residence in that town, he was engaged in farming, and was actively interested in agricultural associations and all public enterprises. In 1852, after a few years' residence in Leicester, he again made Warsaw his home. A friend thus notices his death: "He possessed a familiar knowledge of the history of the country and its public men. He was a man of commanding presence, bland and refined manners and dignified bearing, scrupulously honest, kind, liberal and generous to a fault, illustrating daily all the amenities of life. As a husband, father, and neighbor, he was affectionate, kind, and greatly beloved. In public life he was much esteemed—was firm, fearless, and courteous. His patriotism flowed from a perennial stream, and to the day of his death he was deeply interested in the perpetuity of our institutions. In the social circle he was highly appreciated—of rare conversational powers, his intellect blended with those virtues which adorn the genial heart. He was a gentleman of the old New England school, and largely shared the confidence and esteem of all with whom he was associated." Mr. Patterson married Mary Wallace, Nov. 8, 1814. They had five children:





*John C. Patterson*



ROBERT W., who was born Sept. 3, 1815, married Eliza T. Bunnell; died May 22, 1863.

ELIZABETH J., born Sept. 11, 1817, married George W. McEntee, who died, Sept. 1844. She afterwards married Hugh Harding, editor of the Mt. Morris Union, June 18, 1846. They have one child.

MARY W., born April 26, 1820; died Nov. 1, 1866.

SUSAN B., born Sept. 25, 1821; married John C. Woods, Sept. 25, 1848, and has three children.

WILLIAM C., born March 20, 1826; married Phebe C. Calkins, who died July 1, 1853. He afterwards married Bettie S. Dolbeer, May 20, 1857.

Judge Patterson died Feb. 17, 1865, aged 85 years.

JOHN D. PATTERSON, a son of Col. Robert Patterson, was born in Londonderry, N. H., May 1, 1816. He removed with his father's family to Warsaw in June, 1829, and in 1830, engaged with Dr. Augustus Frank, with whom he remained, as clerk, until March, 1835, when he engaged as clerk in the store of Joshua H. Darling. Sept. 1, 1838, he formed a co-partnership with Mr. Darling, (firm, Darling & Patterson,) which continued three years. In April, 1842, he went to Westfield, Chautauqua county, as a clerk in the Chautauqua Land Office, with which he was connected several years. While in Westfield, he became extensively engaged in importing, breeding, and selling the pure Merino sheep; to which enterprise he has since devoted himself uninterruptedly until the present time. Probably no other person has done so much as he, to disseminate these valuable sheep. By their introduction into the Western and Southern States, many millions of dollars have probably been added to the wealth of the country. In 1859, he extended his business to the Pacific coast, shipping a large number of sheep to California by steamers and the Panama railroad, at a cost of one hundred dollars per head. In 1860, he purchased a farm of about 300 acres in Brooklyn, Cal., which he stocked with the most valuable breeds of cattle, sheep, swine, &c., that could be found in Europe or America, and has since resided in that state. This farm, which cost less than \$40,000, he sold last year (1868) for \$120,000 in gold coin. He still owns large tracts of land in California; one of which contains 18,000 acres, on which he has about 10,500 sheep, of which, upwards of 2,000 are pure Merinos, which is said to be a much larger number of the kind than is owned by any other individual in the United States. His market for them is not limited to California, Oregon, and Washington Territory; but he sells

large numbers to go to British Columbia, Mexico, Central and South America, Australia, and New Zealand. One of his farms in Southern California, he is preparing for the cultivation, on a large scale, of the orange, lemon, lime, olive, and other semi-tropical fruits, the almond, Madeira nut, &c., all of which are said to grow to great perfection in that part of the state.

Mr. Patterson married Caroline Glover, of Syracuse, N. Y.

MOSES PERKINS removed from Cheshire, Conn., to Hampton, N. Y., in the year 1785. He had fourteen children, of whom Sylvester, Elam, Anson A., Laura, Orilla, and Catharine, settled in Warsaw. The father himself, after the death of his wife, came from the East, and spent the last years of his life with his sons in this town. He was a Methodist, a man of fervent piety, and had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died Nov. 17, 1836, in his 90th year.

SYLVESTER, ELAM, and ANSON A. [See their Sketches.]

LAURA, daughter of Moses Perkins, married Joseph Miller. He settled on East Hill, on the farm afterwards sold to Anson A. Perkins. Mrs. Miller died in 1812, leaving a son, Levi.

ORILLA, twin sister of Laura, became the second wife of Joseph Miller, who removed with his family to Oakland Co., Mich., where he was elected to the territorial legislature. He had by this wife three children.

CATHARINE married Simeon R. Glazier. [See his Sketch.]

SYLVESTER PERKINS was born in Cheshire, Conn., Feb. 21, 1779, and removed to Hampton, N. Y., with his father in 1785. He married Ruth Hooker, born Nov. 2, 1784. In 1821 they came to Warsaw, and settled on West Hill. In 1851, they removed with a son, Moses S., to Cortland, Ill., where he died Oct. 24, 1861, and his wife, Sept. 28, 1864. She was a descendant of the Rev. Thomas Hooker, one of the Puritan immigrants on the Mayflower in 1620. He was one of the founders of the Colony of Connecticut, whither he removed with his people, in 1636. All the family of Mr. Perkins, except two of his children, were members of the Methodist church. He was for many years a local preacher. He had nine children:

ELIZA, who married Hezekiah Lincoln. They reside in Warsaw.

LIZANA married George A. Johnson, and died July 18, 1840.

MARY married Isaac N. Phelps. [See Phelps Family.]

PHILOMELA married Peter White, of Orangeville; lives in Iowa. Children: Sylvester P., Mary J., Lucia Jane.

THOMAS H. married A. L. Rolandson, of Orleans Co.; lives in Minneapolis, Minn. Children: Edward R., and Frank.

ABIGAIL married J. Royal Crosset. They reside in Illinois. Children: Ellen R., Martial B., Elzy T.

BETSEY married Moses W. Jordan; has a son, Edward F.

MOSES S., born Dec. 7, 1818, married Sarah Shaw, of LeRoy. In 1851, they removed to Cortland, Ill., and in 1865, to Montague, Muskegan Co., Mich., where they now reside. They had nine children, four only are living: Corodon U., Carlos L., Moses De C., and Viletta Belle. Five died young.

DANIEL F., born Aug. 31, 1820, died Sept. 7, 1838.

ELAM PERKINS was born in Cheshire, Conn., Dec. 4, 1782, and removed to Hampton, N. Y., with his father. He married Lydia Wheat, and removed to Warsaw with four children, Feb., 1814, and settled on East Hill, about a mile from the village. Both himself and wife were members of the Methodist church. He made a profession of his faith in early life, and was to the end of his life an active and zealous Christian. He died in May, 1868. His name will be held in lasting remembrance by many in this town. His wife died Dec. 16, 1864. They had nine children:

CHESTER, who was born Jan. 26, 1807, married Asenath Sanford, and resided long in this town. He now resides in Gainesville. They belonged to the Methodist church in this town. They have four children: 1. Elam, who married Maria Divine. 2. Newton, who married Sarah Benson, lives in Gainesville, and has a son. 3. Althamina, who married Lyman Johnson, and has three daughters. 4. Romanzo, who married Julina Jenison, and has a daughter.

SAMUEL W. was born Jan. 22, 1809, and married Mary Densmore, by whom he had six children: 1. Rosetta, who married Sydney Spring, of Attica, and has a daughter. 2. Angeline, who married Albert Warren. Children: Alice, Mary, and Edie. 3. Sarah, who married Leander Gay. Children: Mary, Rosetta, Melissa, and Elvira. 4. Samuel W. married Eliza Knapp, of Attica, and has a son, Albert. 5. Phebe. 6. Alice.

MOSES, born March 6, 1811, married Betsey Wilson, who died March 29, 1851. They had three children: 1. Wesley, who married Elizabeth Kinney, and has a daughter, Betsey. 2. Franklin, who married Elizabeth Hagaman, in Illinois. 3. Lewis, who married Elizabeth Shepard, of Java, and has a daughter, Florence. Mr. Perkins married a second wife, Mary M. Buck.

SALMON, born April 23, 1813, d. inf.

MARY MELISSA, second wife of Levi Silver, of Perry.

LYDIA married Willard Silver, brother of Levi, and had two children, Wilder and Homer.

LUCY B. was the first wife of Levi Silver, and died, leaving four children: Eleanor, Eliza, Horace, and Flora.

ISABELLA married Allen D. Fargo. Their children are, Helen and Flora.

AURORA S., born Sept. 19, 1832, married Eliza A. Parker, and has a daughter, Mariett.

ANSON A. PERKINS was born in Cheshire, Conn., Sept. 24, 1784, and removed with his father to Hampton. He married Betsey Worden, and removed to Warsaw in the winter of 1811-12, and settled on East Hill, a mile and a half from the village. He went from Warsaw as a volunteer, in the war of 1812, under Captain Wilson. He served as a drummer, and was at the battle of Erie. Mr. Perkins and his wife were both members of the Methodist church. The influence of his example was felt in his neighborhood during his residence in this town. In May, 1849, they removed to Beloit, where their sons resided, and where they both died; Mrs. Perkins, May 23, 1857, and Mr. Perkins the next day. They had nine children, the first three of whom d. inf. The living are:

LANSON W., who married Prudence S. Jernegan, and removed to Beloit, Wis. They have six children: Elbridge B., who was 2½ years in the late war; Lanson W., Augusta V. J., Willie L., Hattie L., Henrietta A.

LUTHER S. married Sarah H. Taylor, and removed to Beloit in 1845. They have a son, Wayland G., who resides in Chicago.

ELIZA ANN, born Feb. 10, 1821, died March 11, 1838.

HARRIET ANN married Darius C. Fargo. They live in California.

ANSON ABIRAM married Clarissa A. Wiggins, and removed to Beloit in 1849. Mrs. Perkins died in Prairie du Chien. Children: Julia A., Addie C., and Cary A. He married, second, Helen M. Radway, whose children are Frank and Nellie M.

JULIA ANN died in Beloit, April 3, 1850, aged 21.

ISAAC PHELPS was born in Connecticut, and married Lydia Case, of Simsbury, Conn. He removed to this town from Granville, in 1809, and settled on West Hill, where he resided until a few years before his death, when he removed



to the village. He died Jan. 11, 1839, aged about 84 years. His wife died April 7, 1841, aged 85. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. They had six children:

CLARISSA, who was born Nov. 15, 1778, married, for her first husband, John McWhorter, Jun., of Granville, and for her second, Samuel Hough. [See Families of John McWhorter and Samuel Hough.]

LYDIA, born Dec. 17, 1781. [See Levi and Lydia Martin.]

ISAAC was born April 4, 1783. He married Nancy Mahar, and settled in Aurora, Erie Co. He represented in the Legislatures of 1818 and 1819, the counties of Niagara, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua, which, together, elected but one member of Assembly. He also held the office of Associate Judge of the County Court. He and his wife died in Aurora. Their children were, 1. Ledyard R., who married Betsey Scott, and resides in Aurora. 2. Warren, who married Eliza Haines. 3. Isaac N., who married in Warsaw, Mary Perkins, and had by her four children: Dexter R., d. inf., Nancy C., Eugene, Douglas R. His wife died in Warsaw, and he married Mariette Tuller. They now reside in Attica. 4. Charlotte, who married Lewis Conklin. 5. Henry H. married Sally Brown. 6. Edmund B. married; died in 1865. 7. Minerva. 8. Eliza, who married Guy C. Martin.

SUSANNAH was born June 18, 1786. [See S. McWhorter.]

CHARLOTTE was born April 28, 1788. [See Wm. Webster.]

SOPHIA was born Sept. 11, 1796. [See Aaron Rumsey.]

NATHAN PIERCE was born in Rehoboth, Mass., March 11, 1781, and came to this town in 1806, and settled in the north-west part of the town. He married Hannah Hall, by whom he had six children:

MARY ANN, who married Edmund Curtis, of Middlebury, and had six children: 1. Sophia M., who married Dwight Watrous, of Perry. 2. Dexter C., who is married and lives in Perry, and has three children. 3. Lorenzo C., who married Ella Brundage, has a daughter, and lives in Perry. 4. Adelaide. 5. Alleroy. 6. Frederick, who died at 4.

ALONZO, who married Emeline D. Belknap, by whom he had three children: 1. Beriah N., who was for several years a practicing lawyer, and now resides in Middlebury on the well known Cornwell farm. He married Kate Cormac, and has two sons. 2. Melford J., d. inf. 3. Melford A., who is a partner of Beriah N. Mrs. Pierce died June 19, 1867, and Mr. Pierce married a second wife, Helen M. Peck, of Middlebury.



JANE married David Judd, and has two children: 1. Nancy Jane, who married Samuel Munger, and died in 1868. 2. Clark.

HANNAH married Jacob Sherwin. [See Family of Bissel Sherwin.]

CLARISSA S. married George Brundage, of Middlebury, and had two children: one of whom, Ella, married Lorenzo Curtis, of Perry. Mrs. Clarissa Brundage married for her second husband, Beman Wilcox.

ALLEN married Susan Whaley, and had three children.

Nathan Pierce, after the death of his wife above mentioned, married Mrs. Warren, and after her death, Olive Belknap, who died Nov. 1, 1864, aged 75. Mr. Pierce died Sept. 14, 1859, aged 78.

EDWARD PUTNAM was born in Grafton, Vt., Aug. 18, 1782. He settled at an early day at Wright's Corners, in Middlebury, where he kept the first store in that town. He removed soon after to Warsaw, where he resided until near the time of his death. He was twice appointed by the Council of Appointment a Justice of the Peace of this town. He married Rachel Hutton, and had by her nine children:

ELVIRA married Jacob W. Knapp. [See Family of J. R. Knapp.]

VALLONA married David Shedd. They reside in Rockford, Ill. They had four children: 1. Henry C.; 2. W. Irving, d. inf.; 3. Helen Irene, who married Abner Sherman, and lives in Rochester; 4. Julia A.

ELIZA, who lives in Rockford, Ill., unmarried.

EDWARD died in 1838, aged 19.

JULIA, unmarried, lives in Perry.

LUCIEN married Esther Foster, in Warsaw, and now resides in Rockford, Ill. They had four children; one d. inf. Mrs. P. died, and Mr. P. married Cynthia Smith, who has a son.

HENRY CLAY married Miranda Wilcox, and has had three children; two are living.

Rachel, wife of Edward Putnam, died June 6, 1838; and Mr. Putnam married Huldah Eldred, by whom he had a daughter, Agnes. He died at Rockford, in 1865, in his 83d year.

WILLIAM RAYMOND was born in Norwalk, Conn., Aug. 10, 1777. He removed with his father's family to Troy, N. Y., in 1790; was clerk in a store there until 1800. He removed to Granville, where he held the offices of supervisor, town clerk, and the office of justice of the peace from 1808

until 1824, when he removed to Bethany. In 1825, he removed to Warsaw, where he was clerk and book-keeper for Dr. Augustus Frank until 1839, when he went, with his wife, to live with his son at Pine Hill, (Elba,) where he died May 5, 1847. Mr. Raymond was a correct and systematic business man, an estimable citizen, and a consistent professor of religion. He and his wife were from an early period in life members of the Presbyterian church. He married, June 20, 1805, Mary Kellogg, who was born Dec. 24, 1785, and lives at Pine Hill with her son. They had eleven children:

MARY, who married Jefferson Henshaw. They resided in Aurora, Erie Co., where both died in 1855. They had four children: Cornelia Frances, who married John C. Long; Theodore A. and William R., both married, and Henry C., killed in the war.

WILLIAM C. married Sarah A. Southworth, in Elba, July 11, 1837. They had seven children: Charles Henry, d. inf., William Henry, who was taken prisoner in the war, and exchanged in March, 1865; George S., Walter H., Mary Adaline, James G., and Charles Lewis. Mr. Raymond has for more than thirty years been a merchant at Pine Hill.

JULIA A. married Caleb T. Gifford, of Bethany, where they now reside. Their children are: William R., James, Mary, and Frances.

CORNELIA married James M. Darling, and died, leaving a daughter, Helen.

HENRY K., a graduate of Union College, and many years a teacher, removed to Oshkosh, Wis., and now resides at Nebraska City, unmarried.

LUCIA, second wife of James M. Darling, is also dead. She had two children: 1. Jane, who married B. F. Hamilton, and resides in Champaign, Ill. 2. Charles, who died in the war. [See War History.]

JAMES H. went to Texas in 1839, where he married Margaret Johnson, formerly of Kentucky. He was Clerk and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of Texas before her admission into the Union, and State Treasurer many years after the annexation. He is now a broker and banker in Austin, Texas.

ALANSON N. married Emily Wilson, and resides in Chicago. His children are: Katy, Lucia, and Harry.

SAMUEL M. married Mary Porter. He was a printer, and died at Lima in 1857.

JOHN C. married Frances Wilson, and resided several years at Oshkosh, Wis. He went to Austin, Texas, where he is now a druggist and bookseller. He had four children, of whom two are living.

AUGUSTUS H. married Helen Chandler, of Fond du Lac, Wis., and has two children, William and Arthur. He is now Clerk in one of the Departments at Washington.

JOHN H. REDDISH was born in Maryland, Feb. 18, 1787, and came to this town when a young man. He married Martha, a daughter of Nehemiah Fargo. Their children, besides five who died in infancy, were as follows:

MARY ANN married Isaac Blair, and now resides in Wisconsin. They had seven children: 1. Derleski, who married Wm. Town, and lives in Illinois. 2. Loduski, who married Marvin Morris. 3. Harriet, who married John Hill. 4. Jeremiah B. 5. Adelaide, who married in Wisconsin. 6. Romanzo. 7. Mary.

HERON J. married Eliza Watkins. Their children are: 1. Mary, who married George Holbrook, of La Grange. Mr. Holbrook having died, she married James Thomas. They removed to Wisconsin, and have two children. 2. Allen, who married Emily Lighthall, has two sons, and resides in Nebraska. 3. Ortaville, who married Marna Barrass, of Linden. They have a daughter, Lillie. 4. Adelbert, who married Marian Ranney, and resides in Middlebury. 5. Edgar. 6. Ellen, who died at 16. 7. Charlie. 8. Frank. 9. Florence. 10. Eugene.

ALLEN J. married Mary Throop, and had a daughter, Millie, who died at 15. Mr. Reddish died March 21, 1864, aged 48 years.

NANCY married Eldridge Starnard, of Le Roy. They have a son, Egbert, who married Florence Tillotson.

ELEANOR married David D. Snyder. [See Snyder Family.]

ELIZABETH married James Wilkin, and has six children: George, Clarence, d. inf., Alice, Arthur, Frank and Dean R.

John H. Reddish died May 30, 1841. Mrs. Reddish died Oct. 30, 1852.

JOB M. RELYEA was born in Lee, Oneida Co., Dec. 12, 1818; removed to Warsaw in 1833, and settled in the south-east part of the town, where he afterwards purchased a farm, on which he still resides. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, to whose interests he renders cordial support. He married Harriet Warner, Oct. 15, 1836. They have two children:

EMMA, who married William B. Hutton, and resides in this town; and ALICE, unmarried.

CYRUS RICE was born March 24, 1792, and married Mary Harrington. In 1819, (?) they settled in the north-east part of the town. In 1822, they removed to this village, where, for many years, he carried on the Coopering business. His shop is said to have been the first in the village; and his house, yet standing on Water street, the first brick house in the village; in which house was held the first Methodist prayer meeting held in the village, of which meeting Elam Perkins was the leader. Mr. Rice and his wife were members of the Methodist church. They had ten children:

ALMA, who is unmarried.

NORMAN P. married in Michigan; resides in Paw-Paw.

ROXA D. married Erastus Truesdell, and removed to Mich.

ALVIN died at the age of 18.

CHAUNCEY married in Louisville, Ky., where he resides.

DELOS E. is married, and lives in Detroit, Mich.

LAURA A. is a graduate of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, and has been for many years engaged in teaching. She married, in Detroit, E. J. Rice. They are both employed, at present, in conducting a seminary in Baldwin City, Kansas.

Cyrus Rice died June 10, 1832. Mrs. Rice, now the wife of Albon G. Cross, still resides in this village.

DR. DANIEL RUMSEY came to Warsaw in 1817, married Mrs. Unicy Marchant, widow of Micah Marchant, and, after a brief residence of one or two years, removed to Alexander. About the year 1823, he returned to Warsaw, and continued the practice of his profession, until about the year 1830, when he removed to Silver Creek, and became a partner in the mercantile business with Animi Marchant, the son of his wife by her first husband, and after Mr. Marchant's death, with Horatio N. Farnham for several years. He was a man of fervent, active piety, of most exemplary deportment, and faithful and prompt in the discharge of duty in all the concerns and relations of life. To him, chiefly, was the Presbyterian church and Society of Silver Creek indebted for its early organization, and largely for its support, for many years. He died in Buffalo, in 1864, aged 85 years. He had in Vermont, by a former wife, Tryphena Ransom, three children: Amelia, and two who died young; and by his second wife, five children: Daniel Lewis, Cyrus R., Laura J., Maria Tryphena, and Lucy Ann.

AMELIA married George D. Farnham in Warsaw, in 1826. They removed a few years after to Silver Creek, and afterwards to Buffalo, where Mr. Farnham died in Aug., 1853. They had seven children: 1. Tryphena R., who married Clark



B. Albee, of Grand Rapids, Mich., where they reside. 2. Daniel R., d. inf. 3. Mary Ann. 4. Daniel R., who was killed in battle at Shiloh, Tenn., April 6, 1862, aged 28. 5. Amelia, who married John D. Stowell, and lives in Chicago. 6. Horatio S., d. inf. 7. Louisa.

DANIEL LEWIS was a graduate of Yale College; died at 30.

CYRUS RANSOM died in Warsaw, at the age of 5 years.

LAURA J. married Rev. Dr. James B. Shaw, of Rochester, and has a daughter, Mary.

MARIA TRYPHENA married Winfield Shaw, at Silver Creek, and now resides in Buffalo. They have two children, Isabel and Clark.

LUCY ANN, unmarried, resides in Buffalo.

CALVIN RUMSEY was born in Hubbardton, Vt., Feb. 24, 1793, and removed from that place to Warsaw in 1814, where he married, Jan. 7, 1816, Polly McWhorter, who was born in Granville, Jan. 27, 1798. Mr. Rumsey established himself in the Leather and Shoe manufacturing business on the premises on which Frank Miller now resides, on Buffalo street. In 1817, he was joined by his brother Aaron. [See Aaron Rumsey.] In 1833, he sold his property in Warsaw, and removed to Buffalo, and in 1834 to Westfield. In 1850, he removed to Randolph, Cattaraugus Co., where he died March 19, 1853. Mrs. Rumsey lives with a son-in-law, Harvey T. Rumsey, La Crosse, Wis. They had eight children, as follows:

MARY ANN, born Jan. 7, 1817, died at the age of 17.

FAYETTE, born Aug. 12, 1818, married Matilda Bradley, of Buffalo. They had five children: Bradley, Martha, Mary, Fred, and Willie, the last only is living. Mr. Rumsey died.

OLIVE, born June 9, 1820, married James Danforth, and had a daughter, Mary. Mr. Danforth died in Buffalo, of cholera, Aug. 1852. Mrs. Olive Danforth married in March, 1857, Harvey T. Rumsey, and removed to La Crosse, where they reside. Her daughter Mary here married Wm. Supplee, and had two children, William and Olive, who are settled in Philadelphia.

HARRIET, born Feb. 1, 1822, d. inf.

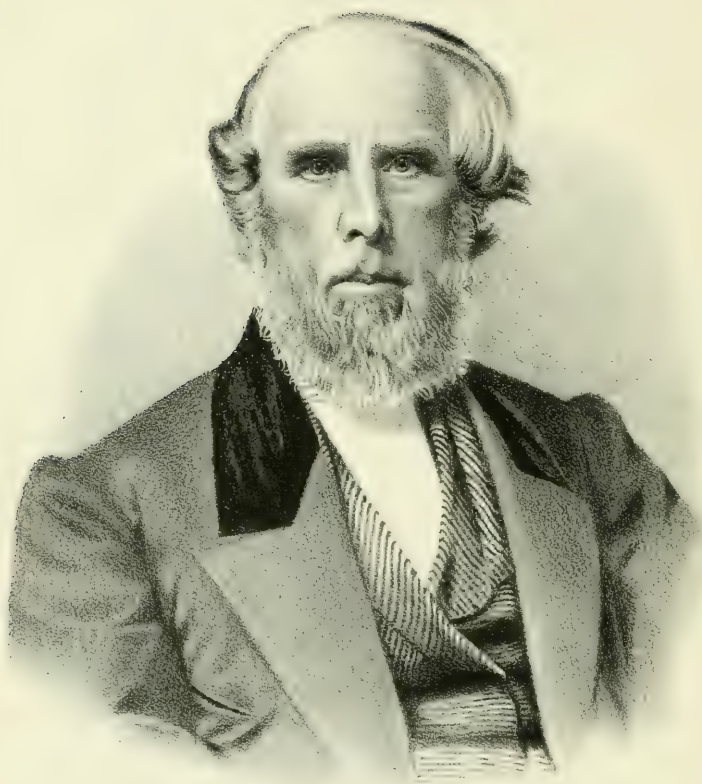
LORETTE, born May 20, 1823, married Joseph H. Plumb, of Gowanda. Their children are, Ralph, Fayette, Josephine, and George.

DANA, born Aug. 14, 1825, went to Nashville, Tenn., married Amanda Hamlin, and has two children.

JOHN, born Feb. 2, 1828, married Charlotte Barrows, of Olean; has a daughter, and resides in Wisconsin.







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ELLEN, born Dec. 27, 1829, married Benj. McLean, a native of Canada. They reside at Kansas City, Mo.

AARON RUMSEY was born in Hubbardton, Vt., May 16, 1797. At the age of twenty years, without capital other than a knowledge of his trade, he came to Warsaw, having performed a journey of four hundred miles on foot, with a bundle in his hand, comprising his whole property. He joined his brother Calvin, who had a few years previously established himself in the Shoe and Leather business. After a partnership of ten years, in 1827, he sold his interest in the concern to his brother, and removed to Westfield, Chautauqua Co., where he engaged in the mercantile business. In 1834, he removed to Buffalo, and again commenced the Leather business, which, however, was soon arrested by the general and severe commercial convulsion of 1837, which operated so disastrously in that city. A few years after, having made the necessary arrangements, he started anew in his former business; and by his energy and business talent, he succeeded in gaining, in a comparatively short period, a trade of vast magnitude, in which two of his sons, Bronson and Dexter became partners. But the large gains of his extensive business were not his most valuable acquisitions. He had previously found the "pearl of great price," which he prized above all the treasure of the world. To promote the interests of religion was to him a favorite object. He several times transferred his church relations from the stronger to the more feeble churches of his denomination, which were in greater need of his assistance. And the institutions of religion and benevolence in general, found in him a liberal patron. Both himself and wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He married in Warsaw, in 1819, Sophia Phelps, who was born Sept. 11, 1796. They had six children: Rollin, Bronson C., Eleanor, Dexter P., Earl D. and Rollin D., of whom three died young.

BRONSON C. married Evelyn Hall, and had four children: Lawrence, Mary, Burt, and Eva.

ELEANOR married William Crocker, died, and left two children, William and Nellie.

DEXTER P. married Mary Coburn, who had two daughters, and died. He married for his second wife, Mary Bissell, by whom he had a son who died at the age of 3 years.

MAYHEW SAFFORD was born in the year 1783 or 1784. He married, in Vermont, Maria Fitch, and in 1817 removed to this town. He was by profession a lawyer, the second one in Warsaw, and resided here until his death, Jan.

10, 1831, aged 47 years. We are unable to give a complete sketch of the family. The names of four of his children—which are perhaps all—are recollected: James M., Mason F., George, and Lucia.

JAMES M. went many years since to Madison, Ind.; married, and probably resides there still.

MASON F. went to the South West, and died.

GEORGE was many years a practicing attorney in Norwalk, O., and has since removed to Cleveland.

LUCIA resided lately in Milwaukee, unmarried.

PHILIP SALISBURY was born in Scituate, R. I., Sept., 1780. In 1807, he came to Warsaw from Granville, and with his brother Samuel, both then unmarried, settled on Lot 59, where now Luther Foster resides. In 1810, he married Clarissa Curtis, of Granville. In 1816, he settled on the center road, where he died, Jan. 13, 1822. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He had six children, as follows:

EMILY A. married Daniel Weaver, and removed to Michigan.

ARMENA A. married in Michigan; and died, leaving children.

JULIA ALMA married Mr. Millett, in Michigan; had children.

REBECCA MELISSA married Peleg Cornell. They reside at Linden; had five children, four living.

ORISA ALLEN died in Michigan, unmarried.

PHILIP FRANKLIN, married, resides in Michigan.

Clarissa, widow of Philip Salisbury, married, in 1824, Paul Richards, of Orangeville. Their children, besides one d. inf., were James, Henry, Clarissa, Lois, and John. Mrs. Richards died in Orangeville, Jan. 23, 1857, aged 67.

SAMUEL SALISBURY was born in Londonderry, Vt., Feb. 11, 1787. He came to this town in 1807, from Pawlet, Vt., and settled, with his brother Philip, on lot 59, as stated above. He married, Dec. 29, 1812, Achsa Noble, born in Orwell Vt., Feb. 4, 1797. He sold out in 1816, and soon after removed about a mile east, and subsequently to the center road, a mile and a half west of the village, whence he removed to the village, where he now resides. He was in the war of 1812, a non-commissioned officer in Capt. Russel Noble's company of Infantry, and was present at the taking of Fort Erie, and since the war was Captain of the same company. He is one of the only three men remaining in the

town who purchased land in it prior to 1808. Dea. Salisbury and his wife were early members of the Baptist church, which relation they still retain. They had four children: one d. inf.

CYNTHIA A., who married Peter Richards, and removed to Ashville, Chautauqua Co., where he died. They had two daughters, one of whom died at 14.

MELVINA A. married Eli Dibble. They reside in Warsaw. Their children are, Ellen Eudora, and Lelia Agnet.

HOPKINS married Antoinette Conable. He was a soldier in the late war, was wounded, and discharged. [See War History.]

DAVID SAMMIS was born in Huntington, Suffolk Co., N. Y., Feb. 3, 1803. He married Harriet Gibbs, by whom he had four children: Henry G., Elizabeth, Walter, and Amelia, who died at 4. He married, after the death of his wife, Mary Huntington, in Torrington, Conn., by whom he had three children: Collis, Alburdis, and Charles. He removed from Torrington to Warsaw, in 1841, and settled on West Hill, on the farm previously owned by Roderick and Ebenezer Chapin. He has for several years resided in the village.

HENRY G. married Hannah Lincoln; lives in Michigan.

ELIZABETH married David Chase. [See Chase Family.]

ALBURDIS was in the war. [See War History.]

HEZEKIAH SCOVEL was born in 1777; married in Vermont, Amy Thompson, and in 1811 removed with his family from Orwell, Vt., to this town. He was by trade a carpenter. He was an early member of the Baptist church, and was for some time its Clerk. He subsequently removed to Otto, N. Y., where he resided until his death. He had ten children:

RODERICK R., born 1798, married Minerva Sharp, and had five children: Silsby, Esther, Jerome, Adelia, and a daughter, d. inf.

CAROLINE married Palmer Fargo. [See Palmer Fargo.]

NATHAN married Sarah Hull, in East Otto. They had four children, besides one d. inf.: Sarah, Caroline, Azariah C., and Adelia, all married at the West. Sarah is dead, and Azariah removed to California.

DELILAH married Cyrus Capen. [See Capen Family.]

LORENDA married Sydney Larabee in Otto.

AMY married Albert Larabee, and removed West.

LODEMA married Hiram Sykes, of Otto.

POLLY married Theron Perkins, of Otto; has four sons.

PALMER married, and removed West. He was in the war.



NATHAN SCOVEL was born in Meriden, Conn., March 26, 1772. He married, in Orwell, Vt., Seviah Owen, born Feb. 13, 1778. They removed from Orwell to Warsaw in 1819, and settled in the south-west part of the town, where he resided until his death, March 23, 1849. Mrs. Scovel died Feb. 5, 1856. Both were members of the Baptist church. They had five children, besides one d. inf.:

ELISHA W., who was born Sept. 28, 1795; married Elizabeth Merriman, and had three children: 1. Annis W., who married Rev. Joseph W. Spoor, and had a son, Arthur, who served in the war. Mrs. S. died; Mr. Spoor resides in Rochester. 2. Mary S., who married Darwin C. Warren, who is dead. They had two children, Stimson M. and J. Volney. 3. Cornelia Ann, who married Abel G. Northrup, of Penfield, where they reside.

ESTHER married Jabez B. Noble, and had five children: 1, 2. Esther and Delano, who married in Wisconsin. 3. Edmund B., who married Nancy Throop, and removed to Albany, Wis., where he resides. 4. Eugene.

ELIPHALET O. married D. A. Clark, and has a son, Nathan Smith, who married Eliza Rood, of Wethersfield.

CHARLES L. SEAVER was born in Middlebury, April 2, 1828. He was the son of Dr. Robert and Hannah Seaver, who are among the oldest residents of that town; Dr. Seaver having removed from Vermont in 1808. He was engaged with his father on the farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Michigan, where he taught school, and was afterwards engaged in the Insurance business. He removed to Warsaw in 1850, and has since been most of the time engaged in the store of A. & G. W. Frank. He married Harriet P. Fargo, daughter of David Fargo, and has a daughter, Fanny.

CHAUNCEY L. SHIELDON, of Rupert, Vt., came to Warsaw in 1808, being the first physician in this town. He was what is usually termed a "popular" man; and having secured the public confidence in his professional skill, he acquired an extensivive and, as it was in that early day, a laborious practice. He was in 1817 somewhat relieved by taking into partnership Dr. Augustus Frank. Their professional partnership was soon followed by a partnership in the mercantile business, which, being more congenial to the taste of Dr. Frank than his professional practice, was chiefly devolved upon him. Dr. Sheldon, however, found material relief a few years later by the coming in of Drs. Daniel and



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Cyrus Rumsey. Dr. Sheldon was a gentleman of good character, and a professor of religion. He was an early member of the Presbyterian church, and retained his connection with it until his death. He was also the first Postmaster in this town. He was appointed to this office April 12, 1811, and held the same until Jan. 24, 1826, when he was reappointed, after which he held it only until March 3, 1828, when, his recovery from protracted illness having become hopeless, and he having resigned the office, Elias R. Bascom, his partner in trade, was appointed his successor. He was also Clerk of Genesee county about five years. He was appointed Feb. 14, 1821, by the Council of Appointment. The office having been made elective by the Constitution of 1821, he was in Nov., 1822, elected to the office for three years, the term commencing Jan. 1, 1823. He died March 28, 1828, aged about 45 years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mima Brown, died Nov. 23, 1834, aged 54. Their children, besides Chauncey B., and Alphonzo T. and Alonzo C., twins, all of whom d. inf., were:

BENJAMIN F., who married Lydia Ann Bently, and removed to Illinois, where he died.

ADALINE B., unmarried, died Dec. 21, 1840, aged 33.

HIRAM F. married in Ohio, and died in Ohio City.

ANGELINE F. married Andrew G. Hammond. After a brief residence in Ohio, Michigan, Florida, and a second time in Warsaw, they removed to Massachusetts, where, after a few years, she died. He has since died. During his residence in Michigan, Florida, and Massachusetts, he was Cashier or President of Banks. Their children were, 1. Granville, who resides in Illinois. 2. Chauncey L. Sheldon, who married Caroline Murray, of Warsaw, and is Cashier of a Bank in Clinton, Mass.

CHAUNCEY P. established at Chicago, then a village, the Cabinet Making business, and died there, unmarried.

PHILO C. was for some years a merchant in Chicago, and removed to California, where both he and his wife died.

CAROLINE C. married Nathan S. Woodward, and died Sept. 30, 1842. Children: Melville, died at 18, and Caroline.

CHARLOTTE T. married O. F. Buxton. [See Buxton Family.]

HARRIET N. married Mr. Goodrich; removed to Illinois.

CHAUNCEY SHELDON was born Jan. 10, 1786, and married Lucy Whiting, Oct. 8, 1806. They removed in 1811 or 1812, from Rupert, Vt., to Genesee Co., and resided in Warsaw and Orangeville, (now in Wyoming Co.) In Warsaw he kept for a time the tavern on the present site of the Brick

Hotel. In 1821, he was appointed Justice of the Peace. After the death of Mrs. Sheldon, which occurred in 1832, he removed to Michigan. In the winter of 1837-8, he, with many others, crossed at Detroit into Canada, to take part in the Canada Rebellion, generally called the "Patriot War." A number of them were captured, tried by a Court Martial, and sentenced to be shot. They were led out, one by one, and ordered to face to the rear and kneel. When Sheldon's turn came, he refused to obey the order, and replied, that he had never bowed the knee to Great Britain, nor did he think he ever should; and that when they shot him, they would shoot him standing, and in the face, but never in the back. These firm and resolute responses caused a sufficient delay for the arrival of Col. Airey, the officer in command, when Mr. Sheldon, as his last hope, gave the Masonic grand hailing sign of distress, which was recognized, and the order for his execution countermanded. He was afterwards tried, and sentenced to Van Dieman's Land, at hard labor for life. He was pardoned in 1844, and returned across the Pacific in 1846. A brother-in-law, Nathan Whiting, shared a similar fate. [See Whiting Family.] Mr. Sheldon died two or three years ago, in Ray, Mich. His children were:

ORSON, who lives in Burlington, Wis., with a second wife. He was a member of the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, in 1846.

HORACE married at Attica, and died there.

SYBIL married Daniel Duncan, and resides in Michigan.

WILLIAM, unmarried, resides in Oregon.

SOPHRONA married Giles Pettibone, and resides in Darien.

HARRIET married in Utica, Mich., Rev. Ransom R. Richards, formerly of Warsaw. She died Feb. 8, 1849.

JAMES, married, resides in Waterloo, Wis.

HIRAM died in 1834, in Michigan, aged 13.

MARYETTE married in Detroit, and resides in Texas.

AMELIA is married, and resides in Ray, Mich.

CHARLES O. SHEPARD was born in Lancaster, N. H., in August, 1806, and while yet a youth, emigrated to Mount Morris, N. Y. In 1827, when about 21 years of age, he removed to Arcade, and served as clerk in a store. He afterwards carried on the mercantile business for himself many years. In early manhood he engaged with activity and zeal in efforts to promote the moral and intellectual improvement of society. He was from the beginning an earnest and devoted friend of temperance, both advocating and practicing total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks. A





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greater amount of labor in promoting this cause was probably never performed by any person in this county. In 1836 and 1837, he was a member of Assembly from the county of Genesee, and discharged the duties of that office faithfully and ably. He was also among the first to engage in associated effort to hasten the abolition of slavery. And when, at a later period, (1840,) the antislavery political party was formed, he took a leading part in its organization, and gave it his earnest support during its existence, and was twice its candidate for Lieutenant Governor. In 1855, he aided largely in the construction of the Republican party, whose object was to prevent the extension of slavery. In 1859, he was elected County Clerk of Wyoming county; and during the last year of his life he was Deputy Revenue Collector for this county. He died at Arcade, May 19, 1867. He married in 1836, Rhoda H. Lyman, daughter of Rev. William Lyman, D. D., who died in 1859. They had two children:

MARY C., who married J. B. Parke, and resides in Buffalo.

CHARLES O., who served during the late war, and is Clerk of Niagara Frontier Police, Buffalo.

BISSEL SHERWIN was born July 13, 1777, and married Experience Whitney. They removed to this town about the year 1822. Mrs. Sherwin died Oct. 3, 1855; Mr. Sherwin, Sept. 16, 1860. They had eleven children, as follows:

LYDIA, born Oct. 21, 1807, married Isaac Perry; died in Chautauqua Co., leaving two sons and a daughter.

LYMAN, born Aug. 8, 1809, married Miss Champion, in Bethany, March 26, 1843. They had six children.

AMANDA married Thomas R. Jones. They reside in Wisconsin, and have four children.

SALLY married Walter M. Hatch. [See Wm. C. Hatch.]

JACOB, born June 18, 1814, married Hannah Pierce. Their children are: 1. Mary Ann, who married Allen T. Covel, and removed to California. 2. Wallace, now in the regular army. 3. Annie Bell.

HORACE married Tirza Butler, who had two children, and died. He married a second wife, Mary Ann Curtis. They reside in Holland, Erie Co., and have three children.

CLARISSA married Sebra Tripp. They removed to Michigan, where she died, Jan. 3, 1860.

BETSEY married Sylvester Curtis. They reside in Holland, N. Y., and have a son, Herman.

BISSEL married in Wisconsin, Mary Scolo. He died at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., Oct. 27, 1864.

ELVIRA married Person P. Draper. Their children are: Bell, George, and Carrie.

LOVINIA married Squire Austin Tripp. They now reside in Westfield, N. Y., and have two children.

WILLIAM SHIPMAN was born in Saratoga county, in 1774. He married Mary Brown, who was born in Connecticut, in 1778. He came to this town in 1815, and resided here to the time of his death, in 1840. His wife died in 1844. They had seven children:

TIMOTHY, who married Rebecca Noble, and now resides in Wisconsin. They had five children: Curtis, Polly, William, died at 17, Delos, and Mary.

RACHEL, unmarried, lives in Wisconsin.

STEPHEN married Mary Hanna, and resides in Orangeville. They had five children: 1. Lorett, who died at about 17. 2. Charlotte Orissa, who married Martin Latson. 3. Ann. 4. Olivia, who married Milford Lawton. 5. James William Wallace.

CHARLES married Lucina Center. His children were, 1. Helen, who married Ransom Buck, and has a child. 2. Martha. 3. George, who died at 7. 4. Emma. Mr. Shipman is dead.

CHARLOTTE married John Burt, of York; moved to Mt. Morris, where he died. They had four children.

BARBARA married Samuel Nash, and resides in Michigan.

BENJAMIN married and lives in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM SMALLWOOD, with his wife and five children, emigrated to this country from Yorkshire, England, in 1819, and settled in the town of York, Livingston county. In 1823, he removed to this town, on East Hill, where he resided the remainder of his life. He died May 21, 1867, aged 90 years. Few persons possess in a higher degree than he did, those virtues which command the respect and esteem of the good. He ever aimed to do right. From this purpose he could not be swerved by any considerations of mere expediency. He was long a member of the Methodist church, and adorned his profession by an exemplary and a consistent walk. He had a heart to sympathize with the needy and suffering, and a hand ever ready to administer to their relief. He was a steadfast friend of temperance and other reforms. No class of suffering humanity had a stronger hold upon his feelings than the bondmen of the South. No man rejoiced more heartily than he at their deliverance, an event for which he had long labored and prayed. And it was a dying request

of his, that the inscription on his tomb-stone should tell that he had been a friend of the slave. His wife died Dec. 9, 1864, at the age of 89. They had seven children:

MARY, who married Charles Clapp, who died at the at the age of 26. They had a daughter who married Dr. Sweet. She also died at the age of 26.

MICHAEL married Elizabeth Beeden, of Perry. Their children are, 1. John B., a graduate of Genesee College, a local preacher, residing in this town, who married Octavia J. Atkins, and has a daughter, Mabel. 2. Charles Henry, d. inf. 3. Mary Harriet, who married Seymour Sanford, and lives in Castile, and has a son, William S. 4. Frances Ann. 5. William Walters. 6. Sarah Elizabeth. 7. Margaret Ella. 8. Jennie Maria.

JOHN married Harriet Jennett Webster, a daughter of Judge Webster. They removed, after their marriage, to Ripley, where they now reside. They have six children: 1. Adelia, who married Rev. John T. Brownell, a Methodist preacher, and has a son, John Veranus. 2. Clementine. 3. Lorette. 4. Emma. 5. Wilber. 6. Henry.

SARAH married Walter W. Griffith. They reside at Tecumseh, Mich.

WILLIAM T. married Florilla Roberts, in Gowanda, where they now reside.

ANN married William Terry, of Middlebury, where they reside. They have four daughters.

BETSEY married Edmund C. Skiff, of Hume, Allegany Co., where they reside.

GEORGE SNYDER was born in Worcester, Otsego Co., and removed, when young, to Cherry Valley, where he was married to Agnes Price. They removed to Warsaw in 1818. They had five children, as follows:

SILAS W. who married Esther Buckle, and removed to Illinois, where he died in 1865.

AMANDA, who married Henry Conklin. They removed to Michigan. She had several children, all of whom, and herself are dead.

DAVID D. married Eleanor Reddish. Their children were: 1. Wilber H., who died in 1862, aged 18 years. [See War History.] 2. Wm. Wallace, and 3. Davis Wesley, both died at 3. 4. Omer C., d. inf. 5. Herman C. 6. Agnes Elizabeth.

GEORGE W. married Elizabeth Tuttle. Mrs. Snyder died, and he married a second wife.

DANIEL H., born March 11, 1832. Mrs. Snyder died in April following. Daniel died at 20.



George Snyder married for his second wife, Philomela Hooker. He is a member of the Methodist church; she, of the Presbyterian. They reside in the village.

GEN. PHINEAS STANTON was born in Stonington, Conn., May 21, 1780, and married, Dec. 1, 1803, Polly Thomas, born Sept. 12, 1785. They removed to Skaneateles, in 1805; to Attica, in 1808; to Middlebury, then a part of Warsaw, in 1810. He settled near the line of this town. He was an active participator in the war of 1812. He entered the army as an Ensign of Militia, from which post he was, for his bravery, soon elevated to that of Brigade Major in Porter's Brigade of Volunteers. He was in the bloody battles of Chippewa and Bridgewater. In the latter, he was surrounded, in the darkness of the night, by a party of British soldiers and captured, conveyed as a prisoner of war to Halifax, and there detained for nearly a year. He subsequently received a commission of Major-General, which he had at the time of his death. He was generally esteemed for his moral worth and Christian character. He and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian church in Wyoming. He died March 31, 1842; Mrs. Stanton, Jan. 28, 1860. They had ten children, as follows:

MARIA, who married David Scott, an early merchant of Attica. Their children were: 1. Winfield S., who married Sarah Cameron, and had eight children. 2. Walter, unmarried, and died in Virginia, aged 22. 3. Ellen, married M. C. Bigelow, merchant, in Attica, and has two sons, Arthur and Walter. 4. John, d. inf. 5. John, unmarried, resides in New Orleans. 6. Jennie, who married C. C. Dike, of Brooklyn, and has two children, Norman S. and Miriam. 7. Thomas. 8. d. inf.

ESTHER G. married Wales Cheney, a graduate of West Point, subsequently a teacher in Middlebury Academy, and now a resident of Warsaw.

ELIAS T. married Julia M. Collar, of Wyoming, and died April 27, 1842. Their children were: 1. Mary, who married Henry Milliman, who was killed at the second battle of Bull Run.

ABIGAIL, who died at the age of 39.

PERSIS T. married Edward Peck, who died Jan. 16, 1854. Their children were: Eugene, Edward, who married in Washington, and resides there; Emma, Flora, Phineas, and one or two d. inf.

PHINEAS married Emily E. Ingham, of the Ingham University, at Le Roy, June 3, 1847. Being by nature an artist, his





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life was chiefly devoted to the use of his pencil, which has produced pictures scarcely surpassed in this country. Many years ago he visited Europe for the perfecting of his professional skill. Impelled by a pure patriotism, he volunteered his services in the late war, and retired with the rank of Colonel. On the 1st of July, 1867, he sailed from New York with a party of scientific gentlemen under the auspices of Williams College and the Smithsonian Institute, for the purpose of exploring parts of South America, and of gathering treasures of science and art for the institutions they represented. And on the 5th of September, he died at Quito, aged 50 years. He was, at the time of his death, Vice Chancellor of the University, founded by the sisters, Marietta and Emily E. Ingham. The latter, who became the wife of Col. Stanton, survives him; the former died a month before his departure for the South. He was distinguished for all the qualities which adorn the citizen and the Christian.

ELIZA ANN married Dr. Merrick Baker, of Wyoming. He removed to Warsaw in 1853, having several years previously relinquished practice. He subsequently removed to Attica, where he died Aug. 18, 1861. They had three children, of whom Ella only is living.

MARY JANE married Rev. R. H. Dexter, Nov. 29, 1854. Their children are, Mary, William, and Lucy.

GEORGE, born July 31, 1825.

AMELIA married Julius A. Hayes; has one child living, Emma A.

MOSES STEARNS was born in Massachusetts in 1771. He removed in early life to Chesterfield, Vt., where he married Susan Clark. After a short residence in Hampton, N. Y., he removed to Warsaw in 1806, and settled in the south-east part of the town, where his son, George Stearns, now resides. He resided in this town until his death in 1859, at the age of 88 years. His wife died July 30, 1847, aged 76 years. They had nine children: Willard, George, Hiram, two sons who died young, Melinda, Harriet, Matilda, and Betsey K.

WILLARD, born Dec. 3, 1799, married Caroline Glazier. Their children were: 1. Marquis La Fayette, who died at the age of 30, unmarried. 2. Mary Jane, who married Russel Cornwall. 3. Augustus F., who married Olive Seeley, and served in the war. 4. William W., who married Augusta Blowers, and who also was in the war. [See War History.] 5. Eugene B., who married Alta Clark.

GEORGE, born May 31, 1802, married, Sept. 27, 1827, Asenath Webster, of Hampton. They had eight children: 1. Lucy Ann, who married John Aiken, and resides in Warsaw. 2. Henry, who married Sylvia Ann Smith, of Castile, and resides in Omro, Wis. 3. Cordelia, who married Chauncey Smith, of Castile, where they reside. They have three children. 4. Emily, who married Sylvester Hitchcock, and lives in Gainesville. 5. Betsey, who married Edward Marshall, in Omro, Wis. 6. George, d. inf. 7. Washington, who died April 16, 1864, aged 22. 8. Julia.

HIRAM was born March 19, 1810; married Marriett Mix, of Gainesville, who died Nov. 24, 1868. They had five children: 1. Juliett, who died at 3. 2. Edwin C., who married Hattie Burch, and has a daughter, Ada. 3. Byron L., who served in the war. [See War History.] 4. Willis H. 5. Caroline.

TRUMAN STEVENS was born in Canaan, Conn., July 21, 1770. He married Lydia Johnson, who was born Aug. 20, 1767. They removed to Warsaw from Avon, Livingston county, in 1818, and settled on West Hill, near the village, where Peter Young now resides. They had seven children:

ALMON, who married Tammy B'ackmer. He was at the time in the mercantile business, in Warsaw, as agent for John Dixon, of Richmond, which business, as agent and principal, he conducted many years in this town. He died, Jan. 31, 1836. He had four children: 1. Albert L., who married Loretta Campbell, and has been for many years a merchant in Lima. 2. Eliza, who married Daniel Dusenbury, and died in Le Roy. 3. Harriet L., who married Wm. Galpin, and lives in Rushford. 4. Jane M., the wife of Charles W. Bailey, who resides in Warsaw.

HENRY married Rebecca Lewis; was in trade with his brother Almon in this town in 1815 and 1816. He has since then been in the same business in Ripley, N. Y., Jonesville, Mich., and other places. He died several years since in Illinois. His children were, 1. Gustavus, who was a merchant in Rochester, and died several years since. 2. Ellen, who married a Mr. King, Lawyer, of Jonesville, since dead; married, second, Dr. A. S. Griswold, who resides in Pittsburg, Pa. 3. Lucy, who married Thomas W. Stockton. 4. Adelia, who married Mr. Thomas, who died in Texas.

ARVA, unmarried, died in Warsaw.

LYDIA ADELIA married Peter Young. [See Family of P. Young.]



SARAH A. married John Wright, formerly of Lima. They reside in Rochester. Their children are, 1. Alfred, who married Maria Gould, of Rochester, who died leaving a son, Alfred G. Mr. Wright married a second wife, Jennie Hunter, by whom he has a daughter. 2. John, who is married and lives in Leavenworth, Kansas. 3. Amelia N. 4. Frank.

NYE STEVENS was born in Rochester, Mass., Jan. 14, 1797, and came to Warsaw in 1815; married Mary Morris, and settled in the south-west part of the town, where he now resides. Mrs. Stevens died Feb. 15, 1862. They had three children: Chauncey Luther, William Nye, and Margaret.

CHAUNCEY L., born Nov. 5, 1823, married Betsey Cleveland, and has two children: 1. Ann Janett, who died April 24, 1861, aged 14. 2. George Henry.

WILLIAM N., born March 17, 1825, married Margaret Seeley.

MARYETT, born March 30, 1829, married Henry W. Norton, They have a son, Charles Henry.

HELOD S. TABER was born in Scipio, Cayuga county, March 31, 1808, and when about ten years old, removed with his father to Perry. He married Cornelia Allen, of Middlebury. He removed to Warsaw in 1839, having bought the farm then owned and occupied by Elisha Barnes, on West Hill. In 1851, he removed to the valley a mile south of the village, on what is known as the Cutting farm, where he now resides. He had six children: Susan M., who died at 5; Lucy Ann, who married Wm. Luce, who removed to Linden, Mich.; Jennett A., who married Wm. Walker. Henry S., who married Ellen Webster, of Pavilion, and lives in Warsaw with his father; Mary C., and Charles L. who died at 5.

ZERA TANNER was born in Connecticut; removed to Granville, N. Y., where he married Jennett McWhorter. About the year 1795, he removed to Cooperstown, and in 1809 to Warsaw, and settled on West Hill, on the east part of lot 53, where he resided at the time of his death, Nov. 1837, at the age of 67. He died suddenly, sitting at the supper table. His wife died January, 1838, aged 67. They were members of the Presbyterian church. They had eight children:

POLLY, who married Lewis Wood. They resided in Portage, also at and near Olean, and last at Sharon, Potter Co., Pa. She died about the year 1860; he died about the year 1866. They had eight children.

CYRUS, was born Dec. 11, 1797, and married Ann Spencer, May 11, 1826. He died in May, 1868, suddenly, as did his father, of a disease of the heart. He was, as is his wife, a member of the Presbyterian church. They had five children: 1. Isabel, who married Elizur W. Norton. 2. Laura, d. inf. 3. Cordelia, who married Hiram Rich, and had two children: Charles and William. 4. Edward, who married Charity Maranville; had two children: Isabel and Marian. 5. Mary A. married Artemas Benson. Children: Charles and Libbie.

REBECCA married Warren Webster. [See Webster Family.]

IRA, born Nov. 9, 1802, died 11 years of age.

ELIZA, born July 4, 1805, married Eli Rood. Their children were, 1. Zera, who married Rosetta Brown. Their children were, Elijah, Lora, Clara, Frank. 2. David P., who married Elizabeth Boddy, who died, leaving a son, Eli. He married, second, Nancy Truesdell, by whom he has a daughter, Mary. He was a soldier in the late war. [See War History.] He resides in Wethersfield. 3. Helen, who married Warren Morgan, and died about 1853. Children: Charles, and Emma, d. inf.

CLARISSA, born October, 1807, married Lemuel Smith, of Portage. Their children are, Sarah, Hiram, Jane, Emeline.

ZERA, born Aug. 9, 1810, married Ruth E. Foster, and died Nov. 27, 1836, leaving a son, Zera L. [See Sketch.]

EMELINE, born December, 1812, married Willis Pettibone, and died Jan. 20, 1832. Mr. P. also died early. They had a daughter, Martha, who married Clark D. Munger. [See Family of Samuel Munger.]

ZERA L. TANNER, son of Zera Tanner, Jun., was born in Warsaw in 1836. In the spring of 1855, he went on business to England, where he remained about one year, when he was employed on a British merchant vessel, trading between Liverpool and Bombay, in which service he continued about two years. He then returned in an American vessel to New York, where he engaged in the American merchant service. The vessel in which he sailed, after her arrival at the English port to which she was destined, was chartered by the British to carry supplies to the English army in China, at the time of the war between those two countries. In this service he was engaged about two years. Next he was employed at Hong Kong, China, on board the King Fisher, in which he sailed across the Pacific, by way of California, to New York. He sailed on this vessel about one year. The war having commenced, he engaged on board an American merchant vessel employed by the government to carry supplies to the



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Union army, in which service he continued one year or less. He then engaged in the blockade service a year or two, and assisted in the capture of the British blockade runner, *Vixen*, and took command of her to New York. Desiring to take a more direct and active part in suppressing the rebellion, he enlisted on board the war vessel, *Rhode Island*, and assisted in the capture of Fort Fisher. He remains in the navy, in the service of the government.

WILLARD THAYER was born in Windham, Mass., March 3, 1784, and married Phebe Harris. They removed to Gainesville, (then Batavia,) in 1807, where they resided until they died. He was several times elected Supervisor of his town, and three times Justice of the Peace. Only once, however, was he induced to be sworn into office. It is related of him that he was so averse to litigation, that he never tried a contested suit. This he avoided by bringing about a settlement, which he sometimes effected by relinquishing his fees. Mr. Thayer had by his first wife three children:

ISAAC H., who married Mary Parks, and removed to Canada, where he was a practicing physician, and died about the year 1860. He had several children.

LINUS W. [See Sketch.]

MERCY married Peter V. Lucas; settled in Castile, and had four children: Eliza, Phebe, Samuel, and Delia.

Mrs. Thayer died March 19, 1817; and Mr. Thayer married a second wife, Rebecca Thomas, by whom he had seven children, of whom but two are living: 1. Stephen D., who married first, Catharine Spencer, and had by her a daughter, Caroline, who married Cass Kendall. He married, second, Lucretia Streeter, and resides in Wisconsin. 2. William F., who married Jane Brown. After her death, he married Mary Brownell, by whom he has three children living: Delia Belle, Clayton, Jennie.

LINUS W. THAYER, son of Willard Thayer, was born in Gainesville, May 23, 1811. Until the age of seventeen, he worked on his father's farm summers, and attended the district school winters. From this time he taught winters and labored on the farm as before. Having commenced the study of the French language under the private instruction of the late Hon. John W. Brownson, of Gainesville, and the Latin under a graduate of Geneva College; and having attended a select school at Lima, during the summer of 1831, he entered the Seminary at that place in the spring of 1832, with the intention of preparing for college. From this purpose he was



diverted by the kindness of his father, who, unsolicited, conveyed to him a part of his farm, subject, however, to a claim due at the land-office. To cancel this claim, he found it necessary to work his small farm in the summer, and teach in the winter. Though he had now given up going to college, he adhered to the purpose of becoming a lawyer. Unable, as yet, to enter a law-office, he purchased Blackstone's Commentaries and Cowen's Treatise, to the study of which he devoted his leisure time while farming and teaching. He taught his last school in Perry village, in the winter of 1836-7, spending his evenings in the office of I. N. Stoddard, Esq., who, in the spring, offered him a co-partnership. This had hardly gone into effect, when a more liberal offer was made him by Levi Gibbs, Esq., who had just commenced practice in Perry. Mr. Thayer had not at this time been regularly in a law-office three months, nor been admitted to practice in any court. With a view to his settlement where the new county seat should be located, he dissolved his connection with Mr. Gibbs, and formed a partnership with James R. Doolittle, Esq., at present senator in Congress from Wisconsin; and both came to this village in 1841. This partnership continued about four years. He has for more than twenty-seven years enjoyed a successful practice in this place; and, without the advantage of a liberal education, but with the more important aid of a discriminating mind and a sound judgment, he has attained a prominent position among the members of the bar in Western New York. In 1866 or 1867, he took into partnership his son, Linus L. Thayer, with whom he is still associated.

LINUS W. THAYER married, Oct. 28, 1840, Caroline M. Lockwood, who was born Jan. 12, 1823. They had seven children: Linus Lockwood, who married Emma A. Hurlburt; Luella, who died at 16; Clara, who died at 6; Carrie A.; Gertrude, died at 3; Lillie d. inf.; and Florence Louisa.

DANIEL H. THIROOP was born in Franklin, Conn., Oct. 14, 1791; went to Granville, N. Y., in 1811, and thence to Warsaw. He married Mary Curtis, Sept. 21, 1815, and settled on East Hill, where he lived, on different farms, until he removed to the village. He had six children:

GARDNER E., who married Alta Marchant. Their children are: Nellie, J. G. Whittier, Minnie, and Charles.

SIMEON S. married Adelia Jackson; lives in Illinois.

MARY married Allen J. Reddish, who died March 21, 1864, aged 48. They had a daughter, Millie, who died at 15.

BETSEY married John M. Fargo, and resides in Iowa. They have a son, Frank.



*L. M. Thayer*



HENRY E. married Ellen Johnson, and removed to Nebraska.

NANCY B. married Edmund B. Noble. They reside in Albany, Wis., and have two children living, Henry and Flora.

JOHN TRUESDELL was born Sept. 8, 1784; married Betsey Webster, Jan. 16, 1806, and removed the same year from Hampton to Warsaw, and settled in the south part of the town, where their son, Philander Truesdell, now resides. Mr. Truesdell was an upright man and a good citizen. He enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and was frequently elected to town offices. He was an early member of the Baptist church. He had thirteen children, of whom three died young.

PAULINA married John F. Clark. [See Sketch.]

PHILANDER. [See Sketch.]

LUCINDA married Alonzo Choate. [See A. Choate.]

CALISTA married Thomas W. Blowers. They had two children: 1. Galusha W., who served in the war, was taken sick, returned home, and died, Aug. 2, 1862, aged 22. [See War History.] 2. Paulina, who died Nov. 22, 1865, aged 24.

MELVINA married Cyrus D. Blowers, who died in 1866. They had seven children: 1. Augusta. 2. Ellen, who married Edwin Curtis. 3. Josephine, who married Albert Luther. 4. Lucia, who married William W. Allen. 5. Sally, who married John Relyea, Jun. 6. Frank. 7. Elmer.

BETSEY married Elijah Chamberlain. [See E. Chamberlain.]

ELON GALUSHA married Lucy Popple. Their children are: Marian, John Wallace, and Frank Earl.

SALLY married Alonzo Cleveland, and died childless.

ELEANOR married Gurdon G. Clark, and removed to Michigan.

ISABEL married Mortimer M. Clark, and had two children. He died, and she married Stephen McCulloch, by whom she has two children.

PHILANDER TRUESDELL, son of John Truesdell, was born in Warsaw, April 15, 1815, and lives on the homestead of his father, in the south part of the town. He has been six times elected to the office of Justice of the Peace, which office he still holds. In addition to his farming business, he was for many years engaged in the manufacture of matches. He married Eliza Lincoln, of this town, by whom he had four children: 1. Edwin G., who married Mary Atwell and has two children, Charles and Fanny. 2. Emma A. 3. Edith Frances, d. inf. 4. Ida Maud, who died at 7.

EZRA WALKER was born in Becket, Berkshire, Co., Mass., Feb. 6, 1773. He married Prudence Allen, and removed from Granville to Warsaw, in 1807, and settled on West Hill. They were two of the ten persons composing the Presbyterian church at the time of its formation. He was early chosen a Deacon. He removed about the year 1818 to Leicester, and after his return to Warsaw, about the year 1834, he was elected an elder, which office he held until he united with the present Congregational church. He lived to see all his children professors of religion. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Stephen D. Alverson, in Michigan. Mrs. Walker died in Warsaw, April 14, 1837. They had ten children:

ZEBULON C. was born in 1793; died in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1819.

PARMALEE A. removed to Baton Rouge, Louisiana; was one of the first to organize the first Presbyterian church in that city, of which he has been an elder over forty years. He was also several years Mayor of the city. He married there Mrs. Sarah Gardner, who died in 1866.

TRUMAN W. removed to Evansville, Ind., and died in 1818, unmarried.

ELAM H., was educated for the ministry; was a missionary to the Choctaws in East Tennessee; preached successively at Brooksgrove and Fowlerville, N. Y., and was finally settled at Dansville, where he died of a tumor on his throat. His wife was Alice P. Bacon, sister of Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, Conn.

PALMYRA married Thomas H. Jeffers, of Perry, where she died in 1852. They had nine children: Christopher, Betsey, John H., Delia, Ann, Elam, Ezra, Eugene, and Frances, all living but one. Elam, a Methodist minister, died at or near Newstead, Erie Co. John H. is a practicing Lawyer in Rochester. Ezra is a merchant in Geneseo, Ill.

ELIZA married Stephen D. Alverson, of Perry. About the year 1850, they removed to Meridian, Mich. Their children were, Henry, (dead,) Lovina, Minerva, Thomas, (dead,) and Cary.

EBENEZER married Frances D. Blanchard, was many years a merchant in Geneseo and Rochester, and afterwards at Okemos, Mich., where he now resides. He has two children: 1. Henry W., who married Jennie B. Adams, and lives in Lansing, Mich. 2. George N., who was married and had two children, and is a merchant in Okemos. His wife died in 1867.







*Wm Walker.*

LOVINA P. married Stephen D. Alverson, of Perry, afterwards the husband of her sister Eliza, as above stated. They had two children, Elizabeth, (dead,) and Edward.

MINERVA married Rev. Merritt Harmon; removed to Michigan; thence to Iowa. They have a son and two daughters.

ANN IRENE married Josiah Hurty, a teacher in Western New York. They have since resided in Ohio and Kentucky, and now reside in Paris, Ill. They have two sons and two daughters.

WILLIAM WALKER was born in Massachusetts, Jan. 21, 1769. He married Frelove Hatch; removed to this town in 1810, and settled on West Hill. Mr. Walker died April 6, 1840; his wife Sept. 7, 1857. They had nine children.

LEVI, who married Laura Capen. Their children were, 1. Royal C., who married in Pike, and resides there. 2. Edson, who married Miss Metcalf, of Pike, where they reside. 3. Henriëtt, dead. 4. Arvilla, dead. 6. Sybil. 7. Jane, who is married, and lives in Pike. 8. Newbury. 9. Ezra, who married Miss Raymond, resides in Gainesville.

ORLEY married Betsey Jaquish, and removed to Cattaraugus Co., and had four children: Franklin, dead; Lucien, dead; Frelove, and Francis.

HIRAM F. married Almira Munger, and had seven children: 1. Elzever, who married Ann J. Rackard, and lives in Wellsville, N. Y. 2. Cornelia. 3. Samuel, who married Esther Seely, lives in Kilbourn City, Wis. 4. Luzerne, who married Christiana Macomber, in Kilbourn City. 5. Parmaly, who married Harriet Hoisington, and resides in Kilbourn City. 6. Fayette. 7. William, who died at 11. Mrs. Walker died in 1867.

PHIDELIA married Alva Sherman, of Cohocton, who is dead.

POLLY married Timothy Whiting. [See Whiting Family.]

OLIVE, born Dec. 25, 1808; died March 7, 1842.

SALEM H., born July 28, 1812; lives in Michigan.

PATIENCE ARMENA, married Mr. McKean, who died in Brady, Mich.

WILLIAM WALKER was born at St. Albans, Vermont, March 13, 1793. He came, when a young man, to Pavilion, (South Le Roy.) After four years he removed to Middlebury, near Wright's Corners, where he worked at his trade, (saddle and harness making,) three years; and then, 1823, came to this place, where he still resides. He married Abigail Ensign, of Middlebury. He continued his business here for

many years, until, by industry and prudence, he had acquired a competence, upon which he retired. His wife died March 8, 1854. She was at the time of her death a member of the Methodist church. They had seven children:

LEWIS E. [See Sketch.]

MARY A. is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and has taught in the Seminaries at Rockford and Petersburg, Ill. She married Wm. M. Cogswell, teacher, of Petersburg, who has since died.

CHARLES B. went to California, and settled in Washington Territory, and was shot by the Indians in 1855, while employed as one of an exploring party in search for gold. He died at the age of 24.

ADELIA C. is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and taught in that institution; in Detroit, Mich., and in Oxford and Rockford, Ill.

ALBERT married M. M. Silsby, of Rockford, Ill., and is a Hardware merchant in Petersburg, Ill. He has two children living, Flora, and Henry.

GEORGE W. is a graduate of Oberlin College. He married Emily E. Gilman, and is pastor of the Congregational church in Wauseon, O. He has a son, Lewis Calvin.

WILLIAM H. married Jennette A. Tabor. He was in the war, [See War History,] and is at present a Druggist in Westfield. He has a son, Charles Taber.

LEWIS E. WALKER was born in Warsaw, July, 1826. He received his education in this village, and commenced teaching in this town. He afterwards taught four years in Vermont, and four years in Ohio. He married in Ohio, Susan A. Brown, also a teacher, and for a time his assistant. He returned to Warsaw, and in July, 1864, commenced the Book trade, having bought the stock of Nehemiah Park; in which business he still continues. He is a member of the Congregational church. He has had four children: William A., John F., and Henry L. d. inf., and Fanny E.

IEZEKIAH WAKEFIELD was born Feb., 1774, and came to this town in 1805 or 1806, and settled on West Hill, where Tillotson Gay now resides. He married in 1808, Patience McWhorter, a daughter of John McWhorter, and sister of Samuel McWhorter, Esq. Mr. Wakefield and his wife, early became members of the Presbyterian church; and his house was for many years a stated place for religious meetings in that part of the town. He died Oct. 31, 1830, in

his 57th year. Mrs. Wakefield died Oct. 31, 1861, in her 88th year. They had five children:

LYDIA B. married Benjamin Bishop. [See Sketch.]

LOPHELLA married Willis Pettibone, who died leaving two children: 1. Martha, who married Clark D. Munger, who died in Kilbourn City, Wis. 2. Hezekiah W., who married Delia Ellis and lives in Attica. Mrs. Pettibone married for her second husband, Tillotson Gay, by whom she had five children: Helen, Edwin T., Flora, who died at 4 or 5, Walker, and Charles. They reside on the homestead of her father.

LUCRETIA E., married Alanson Holly. [See A. Holly.]

LAURA and JOHN died in infancy.

LINUS WARNER was born in New Canaan, Columbia county, in 1784, and removed, when young, to Lima, where he married Hopey Thayer. In 1806, he removed from Lima to this town, and settled in the south-east part of the town, where he resided until his death, Feb. 26, 1846. Mrs. Warner died Sept. 5, 1846. They had eight children, of whom three died infants.

WILLARD T. was born May 24, 1808; married Roxana Dixon, and had four children: Harriet, and three who died infants. Mr. Warner lives on a part of the farm on which his father settled in 1806, and on which himself was born. He is a member of the Free-Will Baptist church, and a liberal contributor to its support; and is a decided friend of temperance and other reformatory and benevolent associations.

MATTHEW married Sally Fluker, and had two children: Esther, and another, infant.

LINUS married Maria Fluker, and owns and occupies the homestead of his father. He has three children: 1. Marion, who married Sarah Nash, of Perry. 2. Romaine. 3. Willard.

EMILY married William Seymour, of Castile, who is dead. They had a daughter, Harriet.

HARRIET married Job M. Relyea. [See Sketch.]

JABISH WARREN was born in Windham, Conn., March 29, 1775. He removed to No. 10, now Middlebury, just north of the present line of Warsaw, where he purchased a farm on which he resided until his death, July 11, 1849. He married Rosamer Owen, who died Aug. 16, 1854. They had eight children:

ALVINA married Wm. Havens, and resides in California. They have eleven children.



PAULINA married Horace Watkins. They reside in Illinois, and have six children: Almeron, Blighton, Arthur, Eliza, Caroline, and Annis.

ELIZA married Job Hill, Jan. 24, 1828. They reside in Warsaw, and have three children: 1. John W., who married Harriet Blair, and after her death, Mary Curtis, and resides in Warsaw. 2. Lucius H., who married Clara Hibbard, and resides in Warsaw. 3. Henrietta, who married Hezekiah Fargo, and lives in Perry.

ROSAMER married S. S. Poppino. They reside in William-son, Wayne Co., and have two children: 1. Belle, who married George Nichols, of New York city. 2. Franc, who married Rev. S. S. Bemmer, who was a chaplain in the army, and died in the service.

POLLY married Gad Case. Both are dead.

JABISH, born May 4, 1816, married Mary B. Lathrop, of Bethany, Dec. 25, 1840. He has been a farmer and an extensive produce dealer in Genesee and Wyoming counties. He was in the regular army one year. In 1862, he was appointed Colonel of the 61st National Guards. He resides in Warsaw; has one daughter, Rose E., who was born June 12, 1846, and married, Dec. 18, 1868, George C. Otis, and resides in Middlebury.

VOLNEY O., born Jan. 26, 1818; married Elizabeth Curtis, of Wayne Co., Feb. 2, 1842, and resides in Warsaw. They have a daughter, Martha E., who married E. C. Upton, of Spencerport, Monroe Co.

DARWIN C. married Mary Scovel, June 5, 1841. He died June 20, 1859. They had two children, Stimson and Volney O., both living.

LEONARD WATSON was born 1804, in York, England, where he married Mary Brough. He came to Warsaw in 1830, and purchased a farm on East Hill. He settled on his farm, where he resided until he removed to the village. Mr. Watson, when he bought his farm, offered in payment or part payment several sovereigns, which the seller, not knowing their value, refused. He then tried in the village to get them exchanged for *current* money; and failing in this, he was compelled to make a journey to Canandaigua, where he had no difficulty in making the desired change. [Who doubts that a similar exchange might be made in Warsaw now, at par?] Mr. W. has a daughter,

MARY, who married Thomas Agar, who resides in the village, and is in the marble business. They have a son, Leonard W.

ELIZUR WEBSTER was born in Connecticut, Aug. 24, 1767. He went, when a youth, to Hampton, N. Y., where he was married to Elizabeth Warren, who was born May 15, 1774, and where he resided most of the time until he came to this town in 1803, and commenced its settlement, of which an account has been given. [See pp. 25-27.] In 1808, at the first town meeting for the election of town officers, he was chosen Supervisor, which office he held by successive elections for seven years. He also held for many years the office of Justice of the Peace, to which he was several times appointed by the Council of Appointment. [See Council of Appointment, elsewhere described.] He was averse to litigation, and discouraged it in others. He often incurred displeasure by refusing to issue precepts when the applicants were under the influence of passion or a spirit of retaliation. In 1813, he was appointed one of the Associate Judges of the County Court. In 1816 and 1817, he was a representative of the county of Genesee in the Assembly; and in 1821, a member of the Constitutional Convention. His labors in that Convention terminated his public career. He was in an unusual degree exempt from political aspirations. He enjoyed himself best in private life, which afforded him opportunity for gunning and hunting, a favorite employment. Few men have discharged important public trusts with so limited an education. His school learning, if the writer's memory is not at fault, was acquired in only one or two terms' attendance at a common school. His common sense and discriminating judgment more than supplied the meagerness of his literary acquirements. He has been heard to say that, when acting as a Justice, he paid little attention to the "pettifoggers," and seldom looked into a law-book; but law being said to be founded on reason and the principles of justice, he had made these the guide of his decisions, not one of which had ever been reversed. He possessed an independent mind, being generally guided by his own judgment in forming his opinions. Although he acquired a good property, he never seemed in haste to be rich. He made no ventures in hazardous enterprises or speculations. In 1836, he sold his real estate in Warsaw, consisting of 640 acres of land, to F. C. D. McKay, Esq., and about 500 acres in a single body within the towns of Orangeville and Wethersfield, near Wethersfield Springs, to David McWethy. In the winter of 1837, he removed to Ripley, Chautauqua Co., where he resided until his death, which occurred in March, 1854, in the 87th year of his age. His wife died Dec., 1848. Judge Webster had twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all of whom were living at the time of his removal from Warsaw.

ARVIN was born Nov. 28, 1792, and married Sylvia Nichols, by whom he had several children. In or about the year 1818, he removed to Illinois, where, after the death of his wife, a second marriage, and the birth of a number of children, he died.

WARREN was born Nov. 11, 1795, and married, Dec. 29, 1819, Rebecca Tanner, who was born Oct. 31, 1800, and removed to Orangeville, near Wethersfield Springs, on the farm on which David McWethy recently resided. In 1833 or 1834, he removed to Franklin, Erie Co., Pa., where he resided five or six years, and removed to Ripley, and after a few years' residence there, to Gowanda, where he died Jan. 27, 1864. He was buried in Ripley, where his widow and only surviving daughter reside. He held in Orangeville, several years, the office of justice, and was, both in Ripley and Gowanda, an elder in the Presbyterian church. His children were: 1. Walter, who for many years carried on the leather and shoe manufacturing business in Gowanda, and in 1862 removed to Illinois, where he now resides. He married in Gowanda Mary Johnson, and has had five children: Charles, d. inf., Mary L., Helen R., died at 5, Carlton W., died at 2, and Walter. 2. H. Jennette, who married Dwight Dickson, in Ripley, and had four children: Walter H., Warren W., Ada J., d. inf., and Carlton A. Mrs. Dickson died July 30, 1860, aged 34. 3. Martha A., died at 5. 4. William P., who married in Gowanda, Lucy F. Perry, and died March 21, 1864, aged 30, having a son, yet living. 5. Martha, who married A. Milton Miniger, of Ripley, where they now reside. 6. Albert S., d. inf. 7. Albert H., who died at 16. Mrs. Rebecca Webster lives with her daughter and son-in-law in Ripley.

CHIPMAN, born Dec. 26, 1797, went to Illinois when a young man, where he married twice, and had a numerous family, and where he now resides.

LUCINDA, born May 26, 1800, married Elijah Norton, in Warsaw, where they reside. She is the only one of her father's family remaining in this town. [See Family of Elijah Norton.]

CLOREDA, born May 3, 1802, married Orson Hough. [See Family of Samuel Hough.]

ELIZA, born June 9, 1804, married Andrew W. Young. [See Family of A. W. Young.]

LEMUEL was born March 6, 1806, and went to Gowanda, where, for several years, he carried on the tanning and currying business, and where he was married to Miss Hall, and after her death, to her sister, Lois Hall. They removed to

Perrysburg, and thence to the town of Westfield, where he lived several years. In 1855, he removed to Walworth Co., Wis. He had nine children: Franklin, Lois, Francis, Harrison, Mary, Sarah, George, Jane, Eva. Lois married Levi Hall, of Portland. The others went to Wisconsin, where the three sons died within two years, and his wife soon after. He married a third wife, and lived but a short time. Mary lives with a second husband.

HORACE was born Jan. 3, 1808, married Mehitable Johnson, and removed to Erie Co., Pa., where he resided many years, and where his wife died. Since his second marriage, he resided several years in the town of Westfield. Two of the sons of the former wife, Wesley and Clark, served in the late war, the elder of whom, Wesley, died in the army of sickness, leaving a wife and child. Besides these two sons, he had four or five daughters by his first wife. By the second he had several daughters and a son. He removed with his family, in 1867, to Kentucky; his son, Clark, married, having preceded him one or two years.

ELIZUR was born Nov. 19, 1809. He went to Ripley in 1837, where he married Frances Averill, by whom he had eleven children: Caroline, Walter, d. inf., Ellen, Ann, Jackson Averill, Henry Douglas, Clarence Vernon, Lydia, Josephine, Blanch and Bell, twins. His wife died Sept. 21, 1862. He resides in Ripley.

GIDEON was born April 27, 1812. He commenced the shoe and leather manufacture in Gowanda, and continued it many years, and engaged in mercantile business, which he continued a number of years, having in this time lost his store and goods by fire. After continuing business a short time longer, he settled on his farm near the village, where he now resides. He married in Gowanda, Maria Spencer, daughter of Judge Spencer, and had by her two children: Marcus B., who was killed on a railroad near Chicago; and Spencer, d. inf. Mrs. Webster died, and Mr. Webster married Abigail Grannis, by whom he had four children: 1. Peyton R. 2. Elizur S., who died Feb. 1, 1863, aged 14 years. 3. Nellie M. 4. Belle E.

WILLIAM H. HARRISON was born Dec. 11, 1813, and married Mary Dickson, of Ripley. They had four daughters: 1. Clarissa, who married Wm. A. Coombs, now a merchant in Coldwater, Mich. 2. Adalaide. 3. Aristeen. 4. Anna, who died at the age of 11 years. The family removed to Coldwater from Ripley, in 1867.

HARRIET JENNETT was born Oct. 22, 1815, and married John Smallwood, formerly of this town. [See Family of Wm. Smallwood.]



WILLIAM WEBSTER was born May 4, 1787; and in 1803, at the age of 16, he came to this town with his brother, Elizur, and lived in his family several years, and settled on the farm where he now resides. He has had a longer residence in this town than any other person, except, perhaps, Amos Keeney, who came in with him, but did not bring in his family until the next year. Mr. Webster also was absent a year. He married Lydia Day, who died childless. He married Charlotte Phelps, daughter of Isaac Phelps, April 30, 1812, who was born April 28, 1788. Both of them have from an early date been members of the Presbyterian church. They had eleven children:

LYDIA D., who married Joseph Pike. They had five children: A daughter, d. inf., Mary A., Walter Webster, Julia Armina, and William W. Mrs. Pike died Aug. 25, 1855, aged 42. Mr. Pike married Elsie Van Liew, by whom he has no children.

CHARLOTTE P., who married Jeremiah Ensign. He carried on for many years the blacksmithing and wagon-making business in South Warsaw, and removed to Hudson, Wis. He now resides a few miles distant, on his farm. His children are: William S., Elizabeth, Ellen, Delight, Frederic D., Clayton, Charles, Eliza Jane, Myrta.

SUSAN married Titus L. Hitchcock. They reside in Covington.

WILLIAM married Calista Keeney. Their children are: Jay, Martha, Flora, Eugene Day. They reside in Gainesville.

EMILY N. married Peter R. Warren. Their children are: Melissa, Celestia, Frank Johnson.

JULIA married James G. Hovey, removed to Indiana, and died March 8, 1850.

ROLLIN R. married Laura Baker. They had six children: Erline, Alice, Ada, Elmer, Charles, d. inf., and Merton.

HENRY W. died at 5. DELIGHT d. inf.

PHELPS MILLS married Jane Seeley, and has three children, Milton, Julia, Effie.

HENRY D. married Angeline Avery. Their children are, Wilson and Henry Romaine.

WILLIAM WHITING, SEN., was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1748 or '49, and married Abigail Flower, of the same place. They removed, with several children, to Granville, N. Y.; thence to Hampton, and from there to Warsaw about the year 1820. Mr. Whiting was a soldier of the Revolution, a good citizen, and a member of the Baptist church. His wife died Aug. 25, 1832, aged 73 years. After her death he was



married three times. His second wife was Mrs. Lucinda Whiting, a brother's widow, who died Sept. 10, 1838, aged 67; his third, Mrs. Phebe Rich, widow of Peter Rich; his fourth, the widow of Lyman Noble, who also is dead. He died March 22, 1849, aged 90 years. He had eight children, all by his first wife, viz.:

LUCY married Chauncey Sheldon. [See his Sketch.]

CATHARINE married Silas C. Fargo. [See his Sketch.]

WILLIAM was born Sept. 17, 1788, and married Elsie Scribner, in Hampton, in 1812. He removed to Warsaw about the year 1823 or 1824. He removed a few years after to Napoleon, Michigan, where his wife died in 1863. They had nine children: William, Price, Lizana, Bethana, Ruana, Chauncey, Alexander, Philander, Christalana. Mr. Whiting returned from Michigan, about two years since, and settled in Castile.

ABIGAIL married David M. Truair, in Granville, and removed to Oswego, and thence to Warsaw, where they died. Their children were, Carrie P., Cordelia D., died at 21, America N., who served in the war, [See War History;] David H., died at 40; Cortez F., died at 34; and Ara W.; and four who died in infancy.

NATHAN married Rhoda Towle, near Syracuse, and removed to Warsaw, thence back to Onondaga or Oswego county. They had eight children: Malkin, Loren, Almerin, Ellen, Lucy, Nathan, Abigail, Mary.

At the time of the insurrection in Canada, called the "Patriot War," in 1837, Mr. Whiting, with many other citizens of the United States, joined the patriots in Canada; was taken prisoner near Prescott, taken to London, tried and convicted, and banished to Van Dieman's land. After a residence there of seven years, he escaped in an American vessel and returned. He was brother-in-law to Chauncey Sheldon, who shared a similar fate. [See Chauncey Sheldon.]

SOPHRONA married Eliphalet Petty, in Hampton. They have resided in Warsaw and Buffalo.

DEMON married Amanda Warren. Their children were, Abby, who married Mr. Morse, and resides at Batavia; Irene A., Silas, Mary J., Frank D. Mr. Whiting died Jan. 19, 1857; Irene A. and Mary J., in February, and Frank D. in November—all in the same year. Only Mrs. Whiting and Abby are living.

TIMOTHY married Polly Walker, of Warsaw. They removed many years since to Michigan. Their children were Russel, died at 39; Adna, d. inf.; Samuel, died at 20; Truman, Dwight, Viola, Salem, died at 24; Zeno, Isabel, Arthusa

and George. Mr. Whiting died, Nov. 2, 1865, at Brady, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., aged 64 years.

**JULIUS WHITLOCK** was born in Warren, Litchfield Co., Conn., Feb. 20, 1785. At the age of 14, he removed with his father to Granville, N. Y.; thence, in the spring of 1810, to Warsaw. He served in the war of 1812, in a company of Cavalry, under Capt. (afterwards Judge,) Isaac Wilson, of Middlebury. He married Thankful Lewis, Sept. 19, 1816, who was born, Jan. 12, 1795. They lived during the remainder of their lives on the farm on which they first settled, about two miles north of the village. He was a member the Presbyterian church; she was an Episcopalian. They had three children: Emily L., Harry W., and Mary.

**EMILY L.** was born July 14, 1817; married Ammon Wilson, and died Feb. 11, 1843.

**HARRY W.** was born Nov. 29, 1818, and is unmarried. He resides on the homestead of his father.

**MARY** was born Aug. 29, 1836, and married George W. Hamlin, Oct. 16, 1866.

**SAMUEL WHITLOCK** was born in Warren, Conn., Sept. 2, 1787. He removed to Granville, at the age of 12, and thence, with his brother Julius to Warsaw, in April, 1810. He married, Feb. 10, 1813, Polly Blowers, of Bethany. They still reside where they first settled, two miles north of the village. He united with the Presbyterian church in 1817, and was for many years a ruling elder. He had seven children:

**POLLY**, born Feb. 18, 1813, died in infancy.

**MARIA**, born March 8, 1816, married Oliver C. Chapman. Their children are, Polly, Chloe, Emily, Caroline, Laura, Frank, Benjamin, and Willie.

**ANN ELIZA**, born Dec. 28, 1818, died Nov. 11, 1853.

**TRUMBULL**, born July 3, 1821, d. inf.

**SAMUEL NORRIS** was born Feb. 28, 1824. He married Emily L. Benedict, of Perry. He is a Grocery and Crockery merchant in Warsaw, and a member of the Methodist church. They have had three children: Samuel Benedict, Charles E. who died at six, and George N.

**LYDIA**, born July 14, 1827, died at the age of 29.

**LOMAN**, born Oct. 30, 1829, married Lucinda Otis. He is a farmer, and resides on the East Hill.





Edwin E. Williams.

JOHN WILDER was born in New Hampshire, Feb. 11, 1787. He married Sally Andrews, Jan. 4, 1808. In 1806, before his marriage, he came to Attica, and, being a millwright, worked for several years at building mills in Attica and the adjacent towns and counties. From 1807, he had an interest with his brother Joseph, in the grist-mills in Attica until 1818, when they sold out to Parmenio Adams and John Peabody. In 1822, he removed from Batavia to this village, having become part proprietor of the grist-mill, in which he had an interest until within a few years previous to his death. He was several times elected to the office of Supervisor, and other town offices, and twice to the office of Sheriff of Genesee county, before the formation of Wyoming. He died July 5, 1849, by the running away of his horse with a carriage. He had seven children:

ARETAS A., who married Juliet D. Strong, and after several years removed to Detroit, where he now resides. He had three children: Edwin A., Sarah M., and Eleanor D. All are married, and reside in Detroit.

LUCY married Joshua Q. Leonard. They resided many years in this county, and removed to Michigan, where she died, Sept. 22, 1864. They had a son, James W., who is living.

ELIZA A. married Robert Paddock, of Middlebury, where she died, June 11, 1837, aged 24. She left a daughter, Eliza A., who lives in Nebraska.

B. RIPLEY died in Warsaw, May 12, 1837, aged 22.

JOHN married Elizabeth Robinson, and lives in Detroit, Michigan. He has a son, John Ripley.

HELEN married Samuel S. Blanchard, who was born at Saratoga Springs, Aug. 13, 1816. He was for many years before and at the time of his death, publisher of the Western New Yorker, in this village. He died Sept. 5, 1850. Mrs. Blanchard married for her second husband, H. P. Stevens, who has since resided in Rochester and Cleveland, and now resides at Elmira.

SARAH died June 23, 1831, aged 7 years.

REV. EDWIN E. WILLIAMS was born in Clinton, Oneida Co., N. Y., April 8, 1817. He graduated at Hamilton College. He was for several years a teacher in Springville Academy, Erie Co., and for a time at Mineral Point, Wis. He was licensed as a preacher by the Mineral Point Presbyterian and Congregational Convention in 1848, and ordained at Clinton by the Oneida Association in 1851. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church at Waterville, Oneida Co.,



from 1850 to 1857, when he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational church in this village, to which he continues to minister with acceptance and success. He married at Springville, April 4, 1841, Eunice L. Ingalls, who was born Oct. 6, 1823. They have five children, as follows: Florence N., a teacher of music at Houghton, Mich. Charles A., who resides in Buffalo; Mary S., at present a teacher of freedmen in Wilmington, S. C.; Clinton, and Alice Lane.

JOHN WINDSOR was born Feb. 2, 1804. He married Lucetta Green, and removed from Pike to this town in Oct., 1830, and established the Tin and Sheet Iron and Hardware business, which he continued until 1842. In 1844, he removed to his farm on West Hill, where he died, June 18, 1846. He was also one of the firm of Gardner, Utter & Co., in the Woolen manufacture. [See Woolen Factories.] Mr. Windsor and his wife, soon after they came to this town, united with the Baptist church, of which he was a member at the time of his death. They had six children:

J. RUSSEL, who died in his seventh year.

A. JUDSON, who married Mary Lary, and had two children. He died of wounds received in the battle of Pea Ridge.

WILLIAM GREEN married Sarah Jane Thorp, of Warsaw.

JOHN, NORTON, and SAMUEL are unmarried.

ARDEN WOODRUFF came to Warsaw in 1818, at the age of 24. For several years he worked summers at shoe-making, and taught school winters in this town and in other places. In the spring of 1823 he was married, and soon after settled at Wethersfield Springs, and commenced the Tanning business, which, with the exception of a few short intervals, he continued until 1830. In 1832, he bought the farm of Aaron C. Lyon, on the West Hill, and settled on it in 1833. In 1838, he sold one-half of his interest in his farm to his brother-in law, Newbury Bronson, and they carried on the dairy business until April, 1840, when he sold his remaining interest to his partner, and purchased a farm near Strykersville, on which he lived until 1865, when his age and physical condition indicated the necessity of retirement from active employment. He sold his farm, and in 1867 selected a home in West Bloomfield. He was a zealous friend of education and the various social reforms. He held at different times and places the several town offices of School Inspector, Supervisor, and Justice of the Peace; and in 1846 and 1847 he was a Member of Assembly from the county of Wyoming. He has been for nearly forty years a member of Congrega-



*Arden Woodruff.*



tional churches in Connecticut and this state, and for several years a member of the Presbyterian church in Warsaw, in which he was an elder and clerk of the session. And for more than forty years he has been teacher or superintendent of Sabbath-schools and Bible classes. He was born in Farmington, Conn., March 17, 1794. He married Sophia Tillotson, in Avon, Conn., April 17, 1823. They had four children, as follows:

COLUMBUS and EMMA LUCRETIA both died infants.

CLINTON D. was born June 25, 1832, and married Miss Tillotson. He is a druggist and practicing physician in Kilbourn City, Wis. He has had three children: Lillie Belle, Arden Bertrand, and Clinton Fredie, d. inf.

EDWARD PAYSON, who was born Feb. 26, 1840.

HENRY WOODWARD was born in Guilford, Conn., Dec. 16, 1787. He married Anna Savage, in Granville, N. Y.; removed to Warsaw in 1815, and settled on West Hill, a mile and a half west of the village. He sold out a few years after, and purchased a farm a mile south of the village. For several years after he came to this town, he carried on, in addition to farming, the manufacture of earthenware. A few years before his death, he sold his farm and removed to the village. He died Dec. 3, 1864; Mrs. Woodward, April 23, 1867. They united, first, with the Presbyterian church. On the formation of the Congregational church, they changed their relation, and became members of the latter. They had three children: Maria, William H., and Charlotte.

MARIA, born in 1815, died at the age of 34.

WILLIAM H. married Mary Ann Gregg, of Warsaw. In Jan., 1852, he started for California, and died at sea, of cholera, after leaving the Isthmus, aged 33. He had two children, Luther and Myron.

CHARLOTTE married Leonard Martin, of this town. [See Family of Lydia Martin.]

SAMUEL WOODWARD, brother of Henry, married Charlotte Savage, a sister of his brother's wife; and in 1832, they removed to this town from Granville. They belong to the Congregational church. They had five children: William F., Mary Ann, Lucy, Nathan S., and Samuel Mills.

WILLIAM F. married Charlotte Gibbs, of Livonia; lived in this town many years, and now resides in Boston, Mass. His children are: 1. Edward Payson, married, has a son and a

daughter. 2. Mary A., who married Edwin Hill, of Geneva. 3. Miranda Gibbs. 4. Mills. 5. Charlotte.

MARY ANN died in Warsaw, Dec. 2, 1841, aged 27 years.

LUCY married Samuel Fisher, 2d. [See Fisher Family.]

NATHAN S., formerly a printer and newspaper publisher, now a farmer, resides in the east part of the town. He married Caroline C., a daughter of the late Dr. C. L. Sheldon. They had two children: Melville, who died at 18, and Caroline. Mrs. Woodward died Sept. 30, 1842, aged 24 years.

SAMUEL MILLS died in Ohio.

AMZI WRIGHT was born in Lenox, Mass., Oct. 24, 1781. He removed in Feb., 1803, to Batavia. Later in the same year, he settled at the place since known as Wright's Corners, where he married Huldah Kellogg. Mr. Wright resided in Middlebury to an advanced period of life, and was extensively known. He has ever maintained the character of an upright man and a good citizen; and for many years both himself and wife were members of the Presbyterian church in Wyoming. Since their removal from Middlebury, Mrs. Wright died in Attica.

Mr. Wright, at the age of 87, resides in the village of Attica, and retains his faculties of body and mind in a degree unusual at that age. They had ten children:

EXOS K. married Louisa Newell, and resides in Middlebury. They have three children: 1. Sarah E., who married Dr. D. K. Town, of Batavia, Ill. 2. Frances A., who married Eben Sharp, of Indianapolis. 3. Mary.

HARRY married Mary Ann Pierson, of Bethany; had four children: William, Louisa, married; Frank, Frederick, who died at 18 or 19; and Mary.

ALVINA married Nelson Wolcott, who was the first Clerk of Wyoming county. He was afterwards, for several years, a merchant in Attica, whence he removed to Batavia, Ill., where he now resides. Their children are: 1. Ellen H., who married Rollin Baker, of Attica. 2. Robert N., who married Agnes Swain, and resides in Illinois. 3. Henry K., who married Helen Newton, in Batavia, Ill. 4. Laurens. 5. Mary L. D. 6. Seymour A. 7. Willie W. 8. Frank.

SOPHIA married Ephraim Brainerd, of Attica. Their children are, 1. Henry A., who married Libbie Phenix; 2. Josephine E., who married Edward D. Tolles; 3. Alice J., who married R. G. White; 4. Alvina E.

ALLEN married Charlotte Newell, and lives on the old farm of his father at Wright's Corners. They have three children, Jesse N., Huldah, and Henry.



FRANCIS R. married Charlotte T. Putney. They had six children: 1. Ellen, d. inf.; 2. Emma; 3. Martha W., married; 4. Ella; 5. Amelia, d. inf.; 6. Jennie.

EMILY married Mr. Hanvey, of Middlebury. Children: Violetta E., married; Esther married Charles Melvin, of Bennington; Adelaide, died at 17; Daphne A.; Thomas, and Henry. Mr. Hanvey died, and she married B. S. Brownell, and has a son, Laurens.

VIOLETTA died at the age of 6 years.

SEYMOUR K. married Sarah Ellis, and resides in Missouri.

JONATHAN YOUNG was born in Dutchess county, July 15, 1767, where he was married to Nancy Beck, who was born in the northern part of Ireland, and came in early childhood to this country. In 1790 or 1791, they removed to Schoharie county; and thence, in 1816, to Warsaw, and settled on West Hill, near Orangeville, where he lived until the death of his wife, who died Sept. 29, 1848. He died May 14, 1855, aged nearly 88 years. They were both members of the Presbyterian church, as were all their children, of whom there were six:

DAVID was born Nov. 9, 1786; married Lucy Snyder, and removed to Warsaw in 1816. His wife died Aug. 10, 1846, aged 51 years. He married in 1848, Miranda Roberts. He sold his farm on West Hill, and removed to the village, where he died Feb. 1, 1865, aged 78 years.

HANNAH married Andrew Guffin, in Schoharie Co. They had twelve children, all of whom attained to full age, except one, who died in infancy. Seven are living. Both parents have died.

PETER was born Sept. 24, 1797. He was married in Warsaw, to Lydia Adelia Stevens, by whom he had seven children: 1. Harriet, who died Aug. 14, 1859, aged 34 years. 2. Henry S., who married Letitia Willard, lives in the village, and has a son, Frank W.; 3. Martha; 4. Mary Elizabeth; 5. Abraham, d. inf.; 6. William B., who went to the war. [See War History.] He married Miss Matthews, and resides in Rochester; 7. James C. The family resides on West Hill, near the village. Both parents, who were members of the Presbyterian church, now, with several of their children, belong to the Congregational church. Mr. Young held for many years the office of ruling elder in the former, and that of deacon in the latter. He made a public profession of his faith in 1817, and has maintained the character of a consistent, zealous, and active Christian. All religious and benevolent enterprises have received his cordial and unfaltering support.

ELIZABETH, born Sept. 2, 1799, was married in 1830, to William D. Barnett, formerly from Londonderry, N. H., and removed to Clarkson; thence, in 1837, to Gainesville, and in 1848 or 1849, to Attica, where he died Aug. 2, 1865, and where she still resides. He was a ruling elder in the church in Attica, and faithfully discharged the duties of that office. He died of a lingering disease, August 2, 1865. [See Barnett Families.]

ANDREW W., and ABRAHAM T. [See Sketches.]

ANDREW W. YOUNG was born in Carlisle, Schoharie Co., N. Y., March 2, 1802. His ancestry on the paternal side is traceable to Holland. His mother was a native of Ireland, though reared from early childhood in this country, and was one of those people who are often distinguished as the "Protestant" or "Scotch Irish." His vernacular language was that which had been introduced in this country by the Van Winkles, the Diedricks, and the Knickerbackers, and their fellow immigrants; though, from its having been for two centuries in contact with other languages, it had suffered material adulteration. His educational course comprised a few years' instruction in common schools, and at the age of nineteen, a half term in Middlebury Academy. His youth was spent in farm labor and teaching. He closed his first term of teaching at the end of his thirteenth year. Without any knowledge on his part, consent had been given by his father, and, it is believed, without any specific agreement as to wages. The people of the district acknowledged themselves satisfied with their teacher, for whose three months' services and board, his father received the sum of \$15! The teacher himself felt amply compensated by the pleasure of participating, as usual, with his former school-fellows in their plays, and the pride of having so early attained to the honors of the schoolmaster's degree, the highest object of his youthful ambition. He ended his labors as teacher at the age of twenty-one. After this, he was engaged for several years as clerk and as principal in the mercantile business. In May, 1830, he commenced the publication of the Warsaw Sentinel, which he continued nearly two years, when he purchased the Republican Advocate, at Batavia, in which the Sentinel was merged, Jan. 1, 1832. He continued the publication and editorship of the Advocate until April, 1835, when he sold his interest in it to D. D. Waite, its present proprietor. In the course of his editorial labors in Batavia, he became deeply impressed with the importance of a more general diffusion of a knowledge of the principles of government,

which he deemed essential to the national prosperity and the security of our liberties. Since that time his labors have been directed to this object. In October, 1835, was issued from his press in Warsaw the first edition of his "Science of Government." The book was literally an article of "home manufacture." It was written, printed, and bound in Warsaw. The type setting was done chiefly by Seth Lewis, since a partner in the publication of a paper in Perry, and for more than twenty-five years proprietor and publisher of the *Marshall Statesman*, in Marshall, Mich. Among those who for short periods assisted in this work, was the Hon. William H. Kelsey, now of Geneseo, a representative in the present and former Congresses. Assistance at press work was rendered by Levi Spencer, without any previous experience in the business, who since became a devoted minister of the Gospel, and died in Illinois. The "Science of Government" was the first work of the kind brought into general notice in this state and several other states. Though coarse in its appearance, it met with a favorable reception. Its defects, more apparent, perhaps, to the author than to others, induced him to re-write and thoroughly revise it. It appeared in an improved form early in 1840. This work was followed, in 1842, by "First Lessons in Civil Government," adapted to the capacities of younger learners, and designed especially for use in the state of New York. In 1845, he wrote a similar work, adapted for use in the state of Ohio, of which many thousand copies were sold. About this time his labors in his chosen pursuit were temporarily suspended. By successive elections he was chosen to represent the county of Wyoming in the Legislatures of 1845 and 1846, and in the Constitutional Convention of 1846. The happiest reflection associated with this brief public service is, that these offices were spontaneously bestowed. In 1852, he commenced the "American Statesman, a Political History of the United States," which appeared in the spring of 1855. This is believed to be the only work of its kind, being a purely *political* history, or history of government in this country, during the whole period of our colonial existence, of the government under the Confederation, and of the government under the Constitution. In 1858, appeared his "Citizen's Manual," containing a compendium or digest of constitutional, common and statutory, and international law, designed more especially for adults; and in 1860, his "National Economy." His latest works for schools are the "Government Class Book," first issued in 1859; and in 1867, "First Book on Civil Government," being a simplified abridgment of the former work, and intended for younger

learners. A controlling motive to these labors has been a desire to be in some degree instrumental in preparing American citizens for a more intelligent discharge of the duties of citizenship. This end will be secured when political knowledge in this country of free institutions shall be duly appreciated by the people generally, and when those to whom the interests of education are especially committed shall have a proper sense of their official responsibilities. There are other objects to which the subject of this sketch has not been indifferent. Impressed with the sentiment that virtue is essential alike to the happiness and well-being of society and the safety of the state, he has given his encouragement and aid to measures for the suppression of immorality and vice, in its various forms, and for the promotion of what the founders of our free institutions deemed of vital importance in a community—"True religion and good morals."

He came to Warsaw with his father and family in 1816, and, with the exception of two brief intervals, resided in this town until 1856, when he removed to Ripley, Chautauqua Co., and in 1868 to Red Wing, Minn.

He married, Oct. 4, 1827, while residing at Wethersfield Springs, Eliza Webster, of Warsaw, who was born June 9, 1804, and was the first child born in this town. They have had five children: David A., Lucy, Elizabeth, William, and Mary E.

DAVID A. was born Aug. 17, 1828; married in Red Wing, May 30, 1861, Ada Augusta McGlashan, and has two children, Herbert A., and another son.

LUCY was born Nov. 8, 1862; married in Ripley, N. Y., Nov., 1866, Emery Purdy, of Red Wing, Minn., where they now reside.

ELIZABETH was born Oct. 3, 1834; resides in Red Wing.

WILLIAM was born March 26, 1841; died July 12, 1842.

MARY E. was born May 14, 1846; married Nov. 26, 1868, E. K. Sparrell, of Red Wing.

ABRAHAM T. YOUNG was born in Carlisle, N. Y., May 10, 1806, and came to Warsaw in 1816. His employment was farming until, in his 25th year, he engaged as clerk in the store of Joshua H. Darling, where he remained about two years. Having decided to prepare himself for the ministry, he commenced his studies preparatory to entering college at Middlebury Academy, in 1832, and completed them at Geneva in 1835. He graduated at Union College in 1839. He took his first year's course in Theology at Union Theological Seminary in the city of New York, and the remainder

of it, the two succeeding years, at Princeton, N. J., and graduated in May, 1842. He had determined to enter the field of Foreign Missions; but causes unforeseen induced him to change his purpose. He commenced his ministry with the Presbyterian church at East Aurora, Erie Co., in 1842. In 1847, he was invited to Warsaw, where he remained three years. He has since ministered, as stated supply or pastor, to the churches at East Bethany, five years; Charlotte, two years; Sacket's Harbor, five years; and Oaks Corners, the last five years. He was married in July, 1844, to Ann Hogarth, of Geneva. They had four children: 1. Edward Seymour, recently admitted to the practice of Law; 2. 3. Frank H., William P., who both died in infancy; 4. Richard Hogarth.



## SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES.

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AMONG the families who came to Warsaw from Londonderry, N. H., were the Pattersons and Fishers. Sketches of all the latter have been given on page 261. Of the eleven branches of the Patterson family, eight have resided in this town. William came in 1821, and George W., now of Westfield, the same year or the next. He resided with his brother several years, and gave his first vote in this town. In 1829, Peter and Robert, with their families, made Warsaw their home for a time. Also four sisters have resided in this town: Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Baker, still living, and Mrs. Frank. Presuming that the two following incidents relating to the ancestors of these families will be read with interest by their numerous descendants and by our readers generally, we insert them in this place:

### THE STARVED SHIP.

[From the *History of Londonderry*.]

DEA. SAMUEL FISHER, father of Dea. John Fisher, noticed on page 261, was born in the north of Ireland, in the year 1722, and was of Scottish descent. He came to America in 1740, in the nineteenth year of his age. The ship in which he came was usually spoken of as "*The starved ship*." The vessel was so scantily supplied with provisions, that long before the voyage was completed, one pint of oat-meal for each individual on board, and a proportionate allowance of water, was all that remained. Mr. Fisher once went to the mate with a tablespoon to obtain some water, which was refused him, there being but two-thirds of a junk-bottle full on board. Mr. Fisher's custom was to take a tablespoonful of meal daily, and having moistened it with salt water, to eat it raw. The passengers and crew, having subsisted in this manner for fourteen days, were at length reduced to the necessity of eating the bodies of

those who died. Even this resource failed them, and at length Mr. Fisher was selected to give up his life to preserve the lives of the rest. Providentially, however, a vessel hove in sight, and their signals of distress being observed, they obtained relief and were saved. So deep an impression did the horrors of that passage make upon the mind of Mr. Fisher, that, in after life, he could not see, without pain, the least morsel of food wasted, or a pail of water thrown carelessly on the ground.

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## A SCOTCH-IRISH FAMILY.

[*From an Eastern Paper.*]

IN the year 1726, an emigrant ship, laden with a band of Scotch-Irish adventurers, sailed for the American continent. While proceeding on their way across the broad Atlantic, they had the misfortune to fall into the hands of a band of pirates, who boarded the emigrant vessel, placing her unhappy inmates on board their own. Among the emigrants was a Mrs. Wilson, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Fulton, who, excited by the events of their capture, gave birth prematurely to an infant daughter. The Captain of this pirate band, himself being a father, was induced to tender to the unfortunate lady every assistance in his power, allowing her to occupy the cabin of the vessel, granting her every comfort their situation afforded; and the pirates were constrained to release their hold upon the unfortunate adventurers, and suffered them to proceed on their voyage with all their effects, save a few muskets and some ammunition, which the pirates retained. The Captain gave her several valuable presents and relies, (some of which are now in possession of the family of Mrs. Frank, in this village,) with the promise from the family that the child should be named for the Captain's wife—Mary. The anniversary of this remarkable deliverance was devoutly commemorated as a day of annual thanksgiving by the early settlers during the whole of that generation.

This little band settled in the good old town of Londonderry; and from this mother and this ocean-born daughter may be traced the genealogy of many of the worthy citizens of that and the neighboring towns, as well as some whose names are among the illustrious of our countrymen. Mary Wilson, the child that was born upon the pirate ship, having survived to grow up, married James Wallace, of Londonderry. They were the parents of a numerous family, remarkable for intelligence and enterprise. Their only daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Patterson, of Londonderry, and thus became the mother of the Patterson family, known to most people in

that vicinity as possessing strong intellect and a large share of native eloquence. In olden time, when the early settlers were grouped together, and spoke of the place of their nativity, some would say it was on this side of the water, and some on that; but Mrs. Wallace would say: "Indeed, I was born neither on this side o' the water nor on that side o' the water, nor any where else on God's earth," to the no small astonishment of the younger ones.

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### AN "UNDERGROUND" ESCAPE.

IN the year 1851, there occurred an incident worthy of record, as illustrating the fame of this town as an antislavery community. About the year 1848, there removed to the District of Columbia, two brothers from Connecticut, who had previously become acquainted with some of our citizens who had a "perfect hatred" of the Fugitive Slave Law. They engaged in market-gardening; and among their help was one very competent female servant, owned in the District, and hired out by her master. This slave had two children, one son whose services were also sold, and a little daughter about seven years of age. She was very intelligent and faithful, and became a favorite with her employers. One day she came to them with tearful eyes, and told them the old story—she was to be sold "down south," away from her children and friends. Our freedom-loving Yankees, acting on "the higher law" some years in advance of Mr. Seward's proclamation of it, resolved to save her from the fate she so dreaded. One of them caused to be made a large box, just the size of the broad market wagon in which they took their vegetables to the city. Putting into this some bedding, a jug of water, and a supply of food, and leaving at the sides near the bottom holes for ventilation, he nailed the cover down over the slave woman and her little child, and one fine night drove leisurely by the National Capitol, intent on giving practical effect, in one more instance, to the "self-evident truth" proclaimed by its founders:—that "all men are endowed by their Creator with the inalienable right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The morning sun found him forty miles away in Maryland. He left his wagon in front of a village tavern, to prevent suspicion, and fed and rested his horses. On and on he went, following the Northern Star whose light was guide and compass to many fleeing fugitives in Southern swamps and friendly forests. In the solitude of night he would attend to the wants of his passengers, and at stopping-places by day evade curious questions, correct answers to which would have brought down upon him a United States Marshal, with the penitentiary for his reward.







WARSAW FALLS.



Across Maryland and Pennsylvania he drove, over the difficult mountain roads of the Alleghanies, into New York. On the evening of the twenty-second day he reached his journey's end at Warsaw. Driving to the residence of his acquaintance, Mr. Isaac N. Phelps, an earnest friend of the slave, the box was quietly opened, and for the first time the poor woman was taken out of quarters so cramped that she could scarcely straighten her form therein. Mother and child were found to be enfeebled, but in good spirits;—indeed, nothing but the instinct of Liberty would have sustained the courage of the mother, and restrained the betraying prattle of the child, through that long, dark ride of three weeks. They were secreted a few days, a part of the time in Arcade, until it was found that their whereabouts were not known, when, by the assistance of a few citizens who were privy to their history, the mother began to live on her own services, and proved valuable help. In three or four months she gave birth to a son, and in about a year thereafter died of quick consumption. The little girl was taken and carefully reared in the family of Allen Y. Breck, becoming a skillful worker and an exemplary young woman. She is now the wife of a well-to-do colored citizen, Wm. Burghardt, and is mistress of a nice house. The babe was taken and cared for by the family of D. C. Martin, of this town, and has repaid the kindness by growing up an industrious, faithful farmer-boy. Many other fugitives from slavery found here a helping hand in their flight to Canada, but few episodes occurred so purely local as the escape and harboring of the woman who was known here by the name of Mrs. Jones.

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### CRYSTAL BROOK AND ITS CASCADES.

IN our description of the Topography of this town, [p. 25,] we made a brief allusion to the principal cascade on Crystal Brook. Not being sufficiently familiar with the several falls to give them a proper description, the following has been kindly furnished by a citizen of Warsaw:

THE hill-range that bounds the valley of the O-at-ka on the west, in the town of Warsaw, is here and there broken by ravines and glens where the gathered waters of the hills make their way into the valley. Some of them are of great picturesqueness and beauty. Maple Glen, just south-west of the village, is the equal of them all in the variety and luxuriance of its scenery.

The crystal clearness of a small spring that bubbles from the earth in the north-east corner of the town of Orangeville,

has given the name of Crystal Brook to the stream that flows from it. Gathering in volume from the runnels of the meadows and the water-courses of the hollows, it enters the town of Warsaw, and there receiving a tributary from the west, bends sharply towards the east. In the earlier days of the town, when the forests were denser than at present, it industriously toiled here for the neighborhood in turning the wheels of saw-mills.

As the stream flows onward, it enters the cleft of the hill-side, and grows in attractiveness and beauty. In one charming spot it spreads itself in glassy pools, whose surface mirrors, in shifting photographs, the woods around and the skies above. The dell grows lovelier and deeper. A low cascade, where the waters pitch over a bench of rock, ripples an unceasing hymn, and again and again the brook nestles and lingers in the hollows of the rocks. The banks are fringed with the undergrowth of the woods, where, in summer time, the rich emerald of the green enlivens the silveriness of the waters. The rocks around are hoary with the years they have seen. Here is the first of the three sister cascades.

It is a walk of but a moment to reach the second cascade. The rocks that form it are rifted and worn. Where the crumbling slate has yielded most readily to the friction of the waters, the brook has grooved its way, and falls into a miniature gorge wet with spray and hung with mosses. The glen has not yet grown rugged and grim, as below. It is all

“So wondrous wild, the whole might seem  
The scenery of a fairy dream.”

This little cascade, scarcely twenty feet in height, is the beautiful idyl of the woods.

As the eye looks down stream, it follows the current until a bank of forest bounds the vision, and seems to block the way of the wandering waters. A sudden turn of the glen brings one upon the railway culvert, above which rises the embankment, cutting off the view.

Below the culvert, where the glen suddenly deepens, is a sloping precipice, sixty feet in height, over which the brook falls. In summer, when the heats are most fervid, and the drouth yet lingers, it flings itself over the ledge—a long, streaming scarf of snow-white foam, projected against the dark back-ground of the rocks. In winter the congealed mists, slowly gathering from day to day, form an irregular slope from the bottom to the top. Icy columns support icy stair-cases; opaline domes hang on slender shafts, defiant of all principles of gravitation; grotesque images leer out of the icy berg, and white snow-wreaths and steel-blue caverns intermingle in vivid contrast. A sheer precipice of a hundred feet on the south, a wooded steep on the north, and a wintry sky overhead, form the massive frame-work of this frost-picture.

The hill, for a quarter of a mile to the east, is rifted apart nearly a hundred feet in depth. The boughs of the forest trees interlace luxuriantly overhead; sometimes stooping low, and then lifting themselves upward in gothic archways and great vernal domes. The summer embroiders the floor of the glen with wild roses and flowering grasses. The bed is rough and stony where the brook makes its way, and it winds and loops itself in many a graceful curve as it flows. When it emerges from the glen, it subsides into a very hum-drum, matter-of-fact kind of stream, and steals along the level of the valley to rest its waters at length in the turbid bosom of the O-at-ka.

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### “INDIAN ALLAN.”

It is generally known that the stream in this valley took its former name from the fact that a man called “Indian Allan” lived a short time near the entrance of the stream into Genesee river. He was a white man, however, and his true name was Ebenezer Allan. He was, during the Revolutionary war, allied with the British and the Indians, and vied with the latter in deeds of cruelty and bloodshed. Before the close of the war, he sought a home with his war associates at Gardeau, and made the residence of Mary Jemison\* his home, whose lands he worked until after the peace of 1783. He then got goods, traded at Mount Morris, and seemed to be disposed to peace. He afterwards displeased his former allies, who determined to punish him. They pursued him, but he escaped. In a second pursuit he was captured, and again escaped, and was again sheltered by Mrs. Jemison. He was again captured, taken to Montreal, for the crime charged, which was his having, by an unauthorized presentation of the wampum as a token of peace, induced the Indians to “bury the hatchet.” He was acquitted, on the ground, as is supposed, that there was no law making the carrying of wampum to the enemy a crime.

Allan married several wives. His first was a squaw, named Sally, by whom he had two children. He married two or three white women, the husband of one of whom he probably murdered while he lived near the mouth of the creek. He again removed to Mount Morris, where his wives gave him trouble. The Seneca Indians deeded to him in trust for his two daughters, a tract of four miles square, including the present village of Mount Morris. The deed provided that he should, from the proceeds of the land, cause the girls to be instructed “in read-

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\*Mrs. Jemison was familiarly called “The White Woman.” When a child, she was carried away by Indians, with whom she spent the remainder of her life. She had married an Indian, and was now living in widowhood on her extensive tract of land at Gardeau. She died at a very advanced age.

ing and writing, sewing and other useful arts, according to the custom of the white people." Provision was also to be made for Sally while she "remained unjoined to another man." The girls were sent to school at Philadelphia. He removed to Canada; and on the breaking out of the war of 1812, he was charged with being friendly to the Americans, arrested, confined in jail, and bailed out. He died in 1814. As there was nothing in his life or character to justify the application of his name to this stream, it is hoped that it may hereafter be designated only by its aboriginal name, O-at-ka.

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### SKETCH OF INDIAN HISTORY.

A FEW facts relating to Indian history in Western New York, are deemed appropriate, and may be interesting to many readers. Prior to the settlement of this town, few white men had ever set their feet upon its soil, and for many years after the white settlements in this section had been commenced, the territory was a part of the extensive hunting grounds of the Indians. Though they had sold their claims to most of their lands, and though they confined their settlements to their reserved lands, they were not restricted to these reservations in procuring the means of subsistence. Many a deer was slain within the bounds of this and the adjacent towns, by missiles from the hands of Indians, before these animals became marks for Judge Webster's rifle. And although few white men had traversed this valley and these hill ranges, this town was, not only before, but long after its first settlement, a part of the common thoroughfare of the Indians passing between the Buffalo Reservation and the reservations along the valley of the Genesee river, especially those at and above Mount Morris.

As white settlements sprang up around them, the Indians, who had originally lived chiefly by hunting, began to procure supplies of food and clothing, in part, from the whites, in exchange for their own products, as venison and other game, baskets, bead-work and various other kinds of trinkets. The main road from Buffalo to Genesee river, passing centrally through this town, before it was ever tracked by the peddler's wagon, was a daily line of travel of Indian peddlers, carrying back-loads of baskets and other wares, exchanging them for products of farm and household labor.

Allusion has been made to Indian alarms during the war of 1812. It may be inferred by some that the Indians were enemies of the whites. Such was not the fact. They took no part with Great Britain in the war. If there were any hostile Indians, they were those of Canada. And if there was any ground for the fears of the people here, it was that the British



Canadians, with their Indians, might cross the lines and devastate our settlements.

In our sketch of the Holland Purchase, mention is made of the fact generally known, that the title of the lands was originally in the Indians, and that purchases made were subject to their claims. And it is stated, (p. 20,) that, in 1797, the Indian title was extinguished, except to certain reservations there named. The principal of these was the Buffalo Reservation, which embraced a large portion of the present county of Erie, extending east from Buffalo ten to fifteen miles. It will be readily imagined that so large a tract of wild lands around that place must have greatly retarded its growth. For a large part of the year, access to the city with teams was all but impossible. This obstruction to the trade of Buffalo continued to a late period. This reservation was at length sold by the Indians and vacated; and the lands have been settled and brought into a state of cultivation. The Cattaraugus reservation is still peopled by Indians, and has long been missionary ground. A large portion of them have been Christianized, have abandoned their Indian customs, and adopted the habits of civilized life. The Indians of other reservations also have been more or less affected by surrounding civilization. Besides those of the Cattaraugus, there are still some on the Tonawanda reservation, and along the Genesee valley. But these are said to be gradually diminishing in numbers, and we may reasonably presume that their existence, as nations or tribes, will ere long cease, and the few who may remain will be swallowed up in the society of the surrounding white population.

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### OLD MODES OF TRAVEL.

IN nothing has time wrought more marked changes than in modes of travel. Many remember when it was common for men to perform journeys of hundreds of miles on foot, carrying well-filled knapsacks; or on horseback, with their baggage, consisting of a valise with a change or two of underclothes, on a pad fastened to the back end of the saddle. Women rode behind men on horseback "to meeting," and not unfrequently to balls, sitting on a blanket as a substitute for the pillion of a hundred years ago, which we have so often heard of, but have never seen. Occasionally was seen a side-saddle for women's use; but this was a luxury beyond the means of the mass of men, whose wives and daughters were obliged to ride on men's saddles.

Quite as common a mode of conveyance was by the two-horse lumber-wagon, with the ancient "wagon chair," made for two



persons. The *comfort* of riding thus without springs under either the box or the seat, over long and rough roads, with frequent *corduroy* bridge accompaniments breaking the monotony, can be best appreciated by those who have enjoyed it. Now and then was seen a one horse chaise carrying a fortunate couple envied by the "common people." This was the only one-horse vehicle we ever saw in our childhood, except the old "pung," a plain, one-horse, high-back sleigh, sometimes improved in appearance by a coat of paint. Buggies were unknown. Next appeared the one-horse wagon, with a paneled square box set solid on the axletree, but with a wooden spring seat. This vehicle probably exhibited what was then deemed the acme of improvement in wheel carriages. An idea of the use, by so large a portion of the people, of the easy and splendid carriages of the present day, was not entertained.

Four-horse post-coaches were run on turnpikes and other principal thoroughfares; but the poor man's purse was too lean to bear a draft of twenty-five dollars for stage fare and meals from Buffalo to Albany before the reduction of these high rates by competition. Allusion has elsewhere been made to the first plain, two-horse carriage, the "Moscow Stage," run through this town by Levi Street, and to the improved coaches of our old fellow-citizen yet among us, Gen. McElwain. Many still remember the sound of the stage horn announcing, from East Hill, the approach of the coaches on their "winding way" down the steep descent, and giving signal to the hotel-keeper and the postmaster to prepare for their reception. Stage horns were heard for many years from all directions. But stage traveling was not always agreeable. A full week was sometimes too short for a passage to Albany. Coaches have stuck in the mud, and have been got out by the help of the passengers; and often have drivers, with all due care, been unable to keep them "right side up." Our canals, in process of time, furnished a cheaper, and at times a more easy and agreeable mode of travel. But even these have been happily superseded by railroads. What improvement remains to be made in the speed and comfort of traveling, awaits the disclosure of time.

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#### WYOMING COUNTY INSURANCE COMPANY.

In the year 1851, the Wyoming County Mutual Insurance Company was formed and a charter obtained, authorizing a working capital of \$100,000. Its founders were among the leading men of Warsaw, possessing probity of character and business capacity. Its principal office was located at Warsaw, and the following persons composed the first Board of Direc-

tors: John A. McElwain, Isaac C. Bronson, Elijah W. Andrews, George Reed, Augustus Frank, Seth M. Gates, F. C. D. McKay, Israel Hodge, Charles J. Judd, Timothy H. Buxton, E. H. Lansing, W. Riley Smith, and Joshua H. Darling.

J. A. McELWAIN was elected President; SETH M. GATES, Vice President; J. H. DARLING, Treasurer, and C. J. JUDD, Secretary. In 1853 Mr. Judd retired from the office of Secretary, and was succeeded by L. A. HAYWARD, who was afterwards also elected Treasurer.

The Company's field of operations was restricted to the western counties of the state, in which it very soon secured a good position. Its risks for the first few years embraced both a merchants' and a farmers' class; but in 1856 the former class was dropped, and all the risks afterwards confined entirely to the latter. Its reputation as a prudently managed and secure company was maintained throughout its entire career.

The following named persons, in addition to the above, were elected Directors of the Company at different periods during its existence: James G. Hoyt, James C. Ferris, John B. Halsted, W. J. Chapin, Joel S. Smith, L. A. Hayward, Nelson Wolcott, Linus W. Thayer, Wm. Bristol, Ezra Bishop, Peter Patterson, Ira F. Pratt, James H. Loomis, Jedediah S. Walker, Noble Morris, and Alanson Holly.

The Company continued to do business until the latter part of 1865, making no assessments, paying all its losses with promptness, steadily accumulating a surplus fund, and gaining, year by year, in the confidence of the community. In the meantime rival companies had multiplied, and, in the intense competition that had sprung up, the rates of insurance were forced down below the point at which a company could safely do business. The Directors therefore prudently resolved to cease the further issue of policies, and take measures to close up the affairs of the Company. A re-insurance of all the existing risks of the Company was accordingly effected with the Home Insurance Company of New York, for the sum of \$5,000. Its risks have all expired; and it is now without liability or indebtedness of any kind. Its financial record has but few parallels in the history of Insurance in this state.

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### LATE FIRE.

THE great fire of 1867, and the speedy covering of all the vacant ground with new and elegant buildings, have been mentioned, [p. 69.] Since the writing of that item of our history, three of those buildings, owned and occupied by Palmer and Brininstool, James Wilkin, and E. Weisenbeck, were destroyed by fire, October, 1868.

## WARSAW GAS WORKS.

THESE works were built in 1859 by Abram B. Lawrence and Horace A. Metcalf; and buildings on the principal streets of the village were lighted with gas about three years. The price of resin, a material used in the manufacture of gas, was in New York less than two dollars a barrel. Being a product of the South, the price advanced during the war to *sixty dollars!* Before the price of this material had reached this point, the consumers of gaslight being indisposed to pay compensatory prices for it, the proprietors shut up their works. Since the close of the war, they were sold to parties in Rochester, by whom they were operated successfully about a year, when, for a certain cause, they were again stopped. They have recently been leased to our fellow-citizen, Mr. James O. McClure, by whom they are soon to be again put in operation.

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## ADDITIONAL FAMILY SKETCHES.

[The facts from which the following sketches have been prepared, were received too late to admit of their insertion in their proper places.]

GEORGE W. BATES came from Gainesville to this town, where he pursued his trade as a tin-smith and the Hardware business, for about twenty-five years. He married Jane E. Taylor, daughter of Samuel Taylor, of this town. He removed from this town in 1866, and now resides in Albany, Wis., where he is engaged in the Hardware business. Newton Taylor, a brother of Mrs. Bates, married a daughter of Hugh Harding, of Mount Morris, and is a merchant in Chicago.

HOWARD BOSWORTH came to this town in 1817, and with Gerard Fitch, established the Cabinet Making business in the old "Cider-mill" building, [p. 97.] This is believed to have been the first shop in the town. He married in this town Elizabeth Fitch, formerly from Vermont, and a sister of Mrs. Mayhew Safford. After many years' residence here, he removed to Le Roy, whence he removed to Milwaukee. He there engaged in the Drug and Medicine trade, in which he was highly successful. The wholesale house of H. Bosworth & Sons was one of the most widely known in the West. The firm was a few years ago broken up by the death of Mr. Bosworth and one of the sons. Mr. B. was an active and devoted Christian. Mrs. B. and the other son of the firm reside in Milwaukee.

**JAMES M. DARLING** was born in Henniker, N. H., and removed to this town about the year 1832, and was for many years engaged in the Dry Goods trade, and afterwards in the Hardware and Grocery business. In 1862, he removed to Washington, where he has since been employed in the Treasury Department. He has been twice married, both of his wives being daughters of William Raymond. [See Sketch of Mr. Raymond.] His son, Charles, died in the war. [See War History.]

**REV. TIMOTHY DARLING**, brother of Joshua H. and James M., was a resident and practicing lawyer in this town. He soon entered the ministry, and is now a Congregational clergyman residing in Bergen.

**REV. ZACHARIAH EDDY** commenced his ministry at an early period of life, and preached at Springville and several other places. He was afterwards, for several years, pastor of the Congregational Church in this village. He has since preached in Northampton, Mass.; and is now pastor of a church in Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Eddy has written a work, lately published,—the “Life of Christ.”

**ANDREW FRANK**, a nephew of Dr. Frank, was for several years a member of his family and engaged in his business, and was afterwards a merchant in Sheldon. In 1835 he removed to Hadley, Ill., where he now resides. He is a farmer, is married, and has several children.

**BYRON HEALEY** was born in Dansville, Steuben Co., Jan. 10, 1830. He graduated at the State and National Law School at Ballston, N. Y., and practiced his profession in Arcade, in this county, from 1854 to 1857, when he removed to Warsaw and formed a partnership with Harlow L. Comstock, which continued until after his election as District Attorney. In 1863 and 1864 he represented this county in the Assembly, and in November, 1867, he was elected County Judge. He married, in 1868, Mary C., daughter of Timothy H. Buxton, of this town.

**WOLCOTT J. HUMPHREY** was born in Canton, Conn., in 1818. He was the son of Dea. Theophilus Humphrey, one of the early settlers of Sheldon. He was engaged in the farming and mercantile business in Sheldon and Java, during which time he held various town offices. He was also Postmaster. In 1850 he was elected to the Assembly, and was reelected in 1851. In 1864 he removed to Warsaw and engaged in the manufacture of leather. In 1865 he was elected to the State Senate, and reelected in 1867. He married, in 1841, Amanda Martindale of Dorset, Vermont.



CYRUS JEFFERSON was born in Douglass, Mass., June 8, 1805, and removed with his father to Gainesville at the age of 12, where he resided until 1865, when he removed to Warsaw, where he now resides. He married, first, Eunice Conable, and had four children: Sophia, who married James Bristol; Willard, who died at 3; Rufus, who married Genevieve Church, of Woodstock, Ill., and resides there; and Dora, who died at the age of 20 years. He was for many years engaged in farming, and subsequently in the purchase and sale of wool extensively, and in other business; and has, by industry and prudent management, attained a rank among the most wealthy citizens of Wyoming county.

GIDEON JOHNSON was born in Sudbury, Mass., and settled on East Hill about 1818. He was for many years an elder of the Presbyterian Church. In 1833 he removed to Erie Co., Pa., where he lived 33 years, and where his wife died, by whom he had three sons and a daughter. He married a second wife, by whom he had a son, who lost an arm in the late war. Dea. Johnson died at Saybrook, O., Jan. 8, 1869, aged 76 years. Many in this town remember him well as a faithful laborer in the Lord's vineyard. He was an active and a zealous friend of sabbath schools, temperance, and other religious and benevolent institutions.

REV. RICHARD KAY was for five years minister of the Presbyterian church in this town. He afterwards preached successively in Groveland and Oakland, Livingston Co., and now resides in Woodhull, Mich. Two of his sons served in the late war. Mr. Kay was born in Ireland, well educated and a thorough biblical scholar, and a man of decided character and ability.

SILAS KIDDER came to this town about 1818. He was a carpenter and joiner, having served his apprenticeship with James Webster, then living in this town. He made a profession of religion in early manhood, and united with the Presbyterian church, of which he was an elder. He also held, for several years, the office of Justice of the Peace. He married in this town a niece of Dr. C. L. Sheldon, and had by her several children. He removed with his family to Westfield. He has since removed to the West, where he married his third wife. His two eldest children married in Chautauqua county.

RICHARD ALLEN KIDDER, brother of Silas, married Eleanor Rumsey, daughter of Dr. Cyrus Rumsey. He removed with his father-in-law's family to Medina, Orleans Co. He died in Westfield. The family of Dr. Rumsey removed to the West, and are all believed to have died.



SAMUEL LADD, from Granville, was for many years a member of the family of his uncle, Dr. Augustus Frank. He married Elizabeth McNeil, a niece of Mrs. Frank, and about 1833 removed to Michigan. He is a farmer, and resides in Utica, in that State, and has a large family of sons.

JOHN H. MORRISON, removed from the City of New York, in 1841, and carried on the mercantile business about four years, and returned to New York, where he has since been connected, most of the time, with the firm of Lathrop, Ludington & Co., in the wholesale dry goods trade. He married Catharine Gibson, daughter of a prominent citizen of that city, and has four children:

JOHN GIBSON, who was born in Warsaw; JOHN HAMILTON, AUGUSTUS F., and CATHARINE, all residing in New York. Of Mr. Morrison's regard for the place and its inhabitants, he has given evidence in a *substantial* manner, on several occasions, since his residence here.

FREDERICK NICHOLSON was born in Whitestown, October 15, 1806. He married, Feb. 11, 1830, Sally Green, who was born at Fairfield, Sept. 16, 1808. He removed, in 1835, from Westfield to Warsaw, where for many years he carried on the Tailoring business. His children were as follows:

JOSEPH MARION, who married Nellie Reed, and resides in Galesburg, Ill. He had three children: Freddie R. and Fanny, who both died young, and Jennie May.

GRANVILLE, who married Susan Clark, of the city of New York, where they reside. Their children are Florence and Fanny W.

OSCAR, who was in the war, and resides in New York.

GEORGE, who died in Ohio, at the age of 21 years.

GEORGE W. PATTERSON, of Westfield, came to this town with his brother William, in 1821, (as has been elsewhere stated,) and resided here four years. He settled in Leicester, where he resided many years. He was, within nine years, elected eight times a member of Assembly, of which he was the last two years chosen Speaker. He removed the next year (1841) to Westfield to take charge of the Chautauqua County Land Office. He was elected in 1846 a member of the Convention to revise the Constitution of the State. In 1848, he was elected Lieutenant-Governor; and has held several other offices of responsibility. He married Hannah Dickey, formerly of Londonderry, N. H. He has two children: George W., Jun., a Banker in Corning, who is married, and has several children; and Hannah W., residing with her parents in Westfield.

ISAAC PRESTON, came from Granville to Warsaw about 1818. After a short residence, he removed to Hanford's Land-

ing, and carried on the tanning and shoe business. He returned to Warsaw; and during his second residence here, in company with Frank Miller, bought the tannery of Calvin Rumsey. In 1835 or '36, he sold out to Miller, and removed to Illinois. He was one of Warsaw's best citizens—a working Christian and an active promoter of social reforms. His wife was a sister of Deacon Ezra Walker.

His eldest son was JOHN B., whose death by drowning in the canal near his father's residence at Lockport, Ill., in April, 1865, was noticed in our village papers. He had been an engineer during the construction of the Illinois canal. He held, under President Fillmore, the office of Surveyor General of Oregon; and after his return was Superintendent of the Canal about ten years, when, in 1864, he resigned, and removed to St. Louis, where he resided at the time of his death. He was married and had several children. Another son, JOSIAH, married, resides at Lockport, Ill. There were also, three daughters: ELIZABETH, who married Mr. Daniels; MARIA, who married Mr. Coddington, in Illinois, (Mr. C. lately deceased;) and JULIA, all residing in Illinois.

HENRY SILLIMAN was born in Newport, R. I. He removed to Perry in 1836, where he married Mary H. Noyes. He removed to Warsaw in 1841, and was for many years Deputy County Clerk. He died in July, 1867, aged 56 years. He had a daughter, Mary A., who resides with her mother in this village. Mr. Silliman was a nephew of the late Benjamin Silliman, long a distinguished Professor in Yale College.

HORACE THAYER removed to this village from Sheldon in March, 1845. In September following, he removed to New York and engaged in the Map Publishing business. In 1854, he returned to Warsaw, having purchased the farm of Dr. Caner, including the old homestead of Judge Webster, the present residence of Henry B. Jenks, where he resided until 1859. After a second residence in New York, he returned to Warsaw in 1864, and in 1866 removed to Johnsonsburg, where he resides. He procured a survey of the village, and published a map of the same, in 1861. The land for Wyoming street was given by him, and forms part of the highway from Buffalo street along the foot of West Hill to the "Old Buffalo Road." Mr. Thayer has for a long time been a member of Congregational and Presbyterian churches. He was born in Hartwick, Otsego Co., June 29, 1811. He married Mary M. Dodge, who was born in Delhi, N. Y. They have two children, Charles M. and Harriet Newell.

WARREN THORP was born in Connecticut, and in 1819, at the age of 24, he removed with his mother to Gainesville.

He married Lucy Pattison, daughter of Rev. William Pattison. His occupation has been and is that of a farmer. In 1856 he purchased the Deacon Munger farm near this village, where he now resides. He has four children: Juliet, who married John W. Hawley; Julia Ann, who married Leander L. Chaffee; Laura, who married Edward Wood,, and lives in Joliet, Ill.; Sarah, who married William Windsor, and lives in Detroit, and Lydia, unmarried. All but Laura and Sarah reside in Warsaw.

ABEL WEBSTER was for many years a resident of Wethersfield, engaged in the mercantile business. In 1846 he was elected clerk of Wyoming county, and removed to Warsaw. He soon after engaged in trade, in which he continued until his death in 1861. He was twice elected Supervisor of Warsaw. He married Caroline, daughter of Ormus Doolittle, of Wethersfield. They had seven children:

JAMES A., who married Martha, daughter of David McWethey, and is now a merchant in Nashua, Iowa.

CAROLINE O., a teacher of music in Burlington, N. J.

HELEN E., a teacher in Mary Institute, Carlisle, Pa.

LYDIA LUCELIA, a teacher also in Mary Institute, Carlisle.

ORMUS M., now residing in Nashua, Iowa.

CHARLES ABEL, attending Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

GEORGE EDWARD resides with Mrs. Webster, in Wethersfield.

# OFFICIAL REGISTER.

## COUNTY OFFICERS.

THE county of Wyoming was formed from Genesee in 1841; and a special election for choosing county officers was held in June. The regular triennial election of Sheriffs, Clerks, etc., throughout the state, had occurred in November, 1840; and the official terms of persons elected at the special election were by law made to expire with the terms of those who had been elected in other counties at the last preceding election.

As the people of Wyoming county, before its formation in 1841, were for nearly forty years politically associated with those of Genesee, living under the administration of the same officers, and having assisted in the election of many of them, we give the names of the officers of Genesee county prior to the organization of Wyoming. Under the first Constitution, county officers were appointed by the Council of Appointment, composed of the Governor and four Senators, one from each of the four districts into which the state was then divided. Since the adoption of the Constitution of 1821, Sheriffs and County Clerks have been elected by the people at the elections in November, going into office the 1st of January following.

### SHERIFFS OF GENESEE COUNTY.

Richard M. Stoddard....	April 4, 1803	Worthy L. Churchill.....	Nov., 1822
Benjamin Barton.....	March 17, 1807	W. R. Thompson.....	Nov., 1825
Asher Bates.....	Feb. 4, 1808	John Wilder .....	Nov., 1828
Nathan Marvin.....	March 7, 1810	Earl Kidder.....	Feb., 1831
Aaron Van Cleve.....	Feb. 21, 1811	John A. McElwain.....	Nov., 1831
Parmenio Adams.....	March 16, 1815	Nathan Townsend.....	Nov., 1833
William Sheldon.....	March 1, 1816	John Wilder .....	Nov., 1837
Parmenio Adams.....	March 16, 1818	Rufus Robertson.....	Nov., 1840
Worthy L. Churchill...	Feb. 12, 1821		

### SHERIFFS OF WYOMING COUNTY.

William R. Groger.....	June, 1841	Newcomb Demary, Jr....	Nov., 1855
Roswell Gardner.....	Nov., 1843	Mills L. Rice.....	Nov., 1858
Abraham Smith.....	Nov., 1846	William D. Miner.....	Nov., 1861
Timothy H. Buxton.....	Nov., 1849	John Renwick.....	Nov., 1864
Jairus Moffett .....	Nov., 1852	William W. Davis .....	Nov., 1867

### CLERKS OF GENESEE COUNTY.

James W. Stevens .....	April 4, 1803	Ralph Coffin .....	Nov., 1825
Josiah Babcock.....	March 7, 1810	David C. Miller .....	Nov., 1828
Simeon Cumings .....	Feb. 21, 1811	Timothy Fitch .....	Nov., 1831
John Z. Ross .....	March 1, 1816	Timothy Fitch .....	Nov., 1834
Simeon Cumings.....	March 16, 1818	Horace U. Soper.....	Nov., 1837
Chauncey L. Sheldon ..	Feb. 14, 1821	Horace U. Soper.....	Nov., 1840
Chauncey L. Sheldon ....	Nov., 1822		

## CLERKS OF WYOMING COUNTY.

Nelson Wolcott.....	June, 1841	John H. Bailey.....	Nov., 1855
Walter Howard.....	Nov., 1843	Charles O. Shepard.....	Nov., 1858
Abel Webster.....	Nov., 1846	Charles W. Bailey.....	Nov., 1861
Ransom B. Crippen.....	Nov., 1849	Ransom A. Crippen.....	Nov., 1864
Nathan P. Currier.....	Nov., 1852	John P. Robinson.....	Nov., 1867

## SURROGATES OF GENESEE COUNTY.

Jeremiah Munson.....	April 2, 1804	Andrew A. Ellicott....	April 17, 1815
Richard Smith.....	April 8, 1805	Ebenezer Mix.....	Feb. 14, 1821
Andrew A. Ellicott....	March 23, 1811	Harvey Putnam.....	May 20, 1840
Richard Smith.....	March 10, 1812	Timothy Fitch.....	May 25, 1841

## SURROGATES OF WYOMING COTNTY.

Harvey Putnam.....	March 25, 1841	William Mitchell.....	Jan. 14, 1843
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Surrogates, prior to the adoption of the Constitution of 1846, were appointed in the same manner as Judges. By that constitution, the duties of Surrogate, in counties whose population does not exceed 40,000, are devolved upon the County Judge. In counties having a larger population, a Surrogate is elected.

## TREASURERS OF WYOMING CONNTY.

County Treasurers, formerly appointed by the Boards of Supervisors, are, under the Constitution of 1846, elected by the people for three years, at the general election. The first election for Treasurers took place in November, 1848.

Truman Lewis.....	1841	Peter Caner, appointed to fill va-	
William Bingham.....	1842	cancy.....	Sept. 18, 1850
William Bingham.....	1843	John A. McElwain.....	1850
Roswell Gould.....	1844	Roswell Gould.....	1853
Roswell Gould.....	1845	Lloyd A. Hayward.....	1856
John A. McElwain.....	1846	Lloyd A. Hayward.....	1859
John A. McElwain.....	1847	Leonard W. Smith.....	1862
Samuel S. Blanchard.....	1848	Leonard W. Smith.....	1865
		Harwood A. Dudley.....	1868

## FIRST JUDGES OF GENESEE COUNTY.

Under the first Constitution, all Judges were appointed by the Council of Appointment. Under the Constitution of 1821, they were appointed by the Governor and Senate for the term of five years. Under the Constitution of 1846, a County Judge is elected for four years in each county, except New York.

Joseph Ellicott.....	March 22, 1806	William H. Tisdale....	Jan. 18, 1827
Ezra Platt.....	June 9, 1807	Isaac Wilson.....	Feb. 2, 1830
John H. Jones.....	June 10, 1812	Phineas L. Tracy.....	Jan. 23, 1841
John Z. Ross.....	Feb. 10, 1823		

## FIRST JUDGES OF WYOMING COUNTY.

Paul Richards.....	May 25, 1841	Harlow L. Comstock.....	Nov. 1855
John B. Skinner.....	May 25, 1846	Harlow L. Comstock.....	Nov. 1859
W. Riley Smith.....	June, 1847	Harlow L. Comstock.....	Nov. 1863
Marvin Trall.....	Nov. 1851	Byron Healy.....	Nov. 1867

## ASSOCIATE JUDGES.

Under the Constitution of 1821, in force when Wyoming county was formed, the County Court was composed of a First Judge and four Associate Judges, appointed by the Governor and Senate. Below are the names of Associate Judges appointed for this county before the Constitution of 1846 went into



effect, (Jan. 1, 1847.) The dates show the days when they took the oath of office.

Alonzo B. Rose.....	June 29, 1841	Dr. Augustus Frank....	May 3, 1842
Joseph Johnson.....	Aug. 28, 1841	(In place of Johnson, resigned.)	
Peter Patterson.....	June 21, 1841	Nyrum Reynolds.....	Feb. 19, 1845
James Sprague, 2d ....	June 21, 1845	Moseley Stoddard.....	Feb. 25, 1845

By the Constitution of 1846, the office of Associate Judge, by that name, was abolished. Two persons are chosen at the general election, from the Justices of the Peace in the county, who sit with the Presiding Judge.

### DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

By an act passed in 1801, the office of District Attorney was created, though not as yet in every county. In 1818, each county was made a separate district. Under the Constitution of 1821, District Attorneys were appointed by the Court of General Sessions in each county. Since 1846, they have been elected. Before 1821 they were appointed by the Council of Appointment.

#### GENESEE COUNTY.

Daniel D. Brown.....	June 11, 1818	Daniel H. Chandler.....	1834
Heman J. Redfield.....	Feb. 14, 1831	Isaac A. Verplanck.....	1838
Levi Rumsey.....	1829		

#### WYOMING COUNTY.

W. Riley Smith.....	June 21, 1841	Thomas Corlett.....	Nov. 1859
James R. Doolittle.....	June, 1847	Byron Healy.....	Nov. 1865
Harlow L. Comstock.....	Nov. 1850	Elbert E. Farman.....	Nov. 1868
F. C. D. McKay.....	Jan. 12, 1856		

### MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY FROM WYOMING COUNTY.

*The years in which they were elected, and the towns in which they resided when elected.*

1841	Eleazar Baldwin.....	Sheldon	1853	Alonzo B. Rose.....	Castile
	John W. Brownson.....	Gainesville	1854	John C. Paine.....	Covington
1842	Eleazar Baldwin.....	Sheldon	1855	John C. Paine.....	Covington
	Truman Benedict.....	Perry	1856	Cyril Rawson.....	Eagle
1843	Truman Benedict.....	Perry	1857	Cyril Rawson.....	Eagle
	Leverett Spring.....	China	1858	Elias C. Holt.....	Bennington
1844	Leverett Spring.....	China	1859	Geo. G. Hoskins.....	Bennington
	Andrew W. Young.....	Warsaw	1860	John J. Doolittle.....	Wetherfield
1845	Andrew W. Young.....	Warsaw	1861	Lucius Peck.....	Java
	Arden Woodruff.....	Sheldon	1862	Byron Healy.....	Warsaw
1846	Arden Woodruff.....	Sheldon	1863	Byron Healy.....	Warsaw
1847	Paul Richards.....	Orangeville	1864	Geo. G. Hoskins.....	Bennington
1848	Paul Richards.....	Orangeville	1865	Geo. G. Hoskins.....	Bennington
1849	James Sprague.....	Covington	1866	William Bristol.....	Gainesville
1850	Wolcott J. Humphrey.....	Sheldon	1867	William Bristol.....	Gainesville
1851	Wolcott J. Humphrey.....	Sheldon	1868	Marcus A. Hull.....	Pike
1852	Alonzo B. Rose.....	Castile			

### SENATORS FROM WYOMING COUNTY,

*Elected for the Senatorial District of which this county is a part.*

The term of office of Senator, under the Constitution of 1821, was four years, and one Senator was chosen in each of the eight senatorial districts every year. Under the Constitution of 1846, one senator is chosen every two years in each of the thirty-two senatorial districts.

1842	Harvey Putnam, 4 yrs....	Attica	1855	John B. Halsted, 4 yrs. .	Castile
1847	J. W. Brownson, 2y. .	Gainesville	1865	W. J. Humphrey, 4yrs. .	Warsaw
1851	John A. McElwain, 2 y. .	Warsaw			

## MEMBERS OF CONGRESS,

*Residing at the time of their election within the Congressional District of which Wyoming was a part.*

A "Congress," so called, commences the 4th of March next after the election of Representatives, and ends the 3d of March the second year thereafter. The numbers of the years show the beginning and the end of the term of office, and not the time of election.

15th Congress,	1817—1819	Benjamin Ellicott, Batavia.
18th do	1823—1825	Parmenio Adams, Batavia.
19th do	1825—1827	Parmenio Adams, Batavia.
20th do	1827—1829	Phineas L. Tracy, Batavia.
21st do	1829—1831	Phineas L. Tracy, Batavia.
22d do	1831—1833	Phineas L. Tracy, Batavia.
23d do	1833—1835	George W. Lay, Batavia.
24th do	1835—1837	George W. Lay, Batavia.
25th do	1837—1839	William Patterson, Warsaw.*
26th do	1839—1841	Seth M. Gates, Le Roy.
27th do	1841—1843	Seth M. Gates, Le Roy.
28th do	1843—1845	Albert Smith, Batavia.
29th do	1845—1847	Albert Smith, Batavia.
30th do	1847—1849	Harvey Putnam, Attica.
31st do	1849—1851	Harvey Putnam, Attica.
32d do	1851—1853	Augustus P. Hascall, Le Roy.
33d do	1853—1855	Benjamin Pringle, Batavia.
34th do	1855—1857	Benjamin Pringle, Batavia.
35th do	1857—1859	Judson W. Sherman, Angelica.
36th do	1859—1861	Augustus Frank, Warsaw.
37th do	1861—1863	Augustus Frank, Warsaw.
38th do	1863—1865	Augustus Frank, Warsaw.
39th do	1865—1867	Burt Van Horn, Lockport.
40th do	1867—1869	Burt Van Horn, Lockport.
41st do	1869—1871	John Fisher, Batavia.

## MEMBERS OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTIONS

*From the Town of Warsaw.*

ELIZUR WEBSTER, a Delegate from Genesee County, in the Convention for revising the Constitution of New York in the year 1821.

ANDREW W. YOUNG, the Delegate from Wyoming County, in the Convention of 1846.

AUGUSTUS FRANK and WILLIAM H. MERRILL, Delegates in the Convention of 1867.

Besides the number of Delegates usually elected to such Conventions, equal to the number of Members of Assembly, (128,) there were chosen, by general ticket, thirty-two Delegates of the State at large, corresponding in number to the number of State Senators. Mr. Merrill was nominated as one of the local delegates, and Mr. Frank as one of the delegates at large, without regard to location. Thus Warsaw *happened* to furnish two of the Delegates to the last Convention.

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\* Mr Patterson died August, 1838. Harvey Putnam was chosen for the unexpired year of the term.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

It was our purpose to give a full list of town officers from the organization of the town in 1808. The town records down to 1830, inclusive, being lost, a complete list can not be given, except of Supervisors and Justices of the Peace. The names of these officers from 1808 to 1830, were obtained from the records of Genesee County.

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Under the Constitution of 1777, Justices of the Peace, as well as all the higher Judicial officers, were appointed by the Council of Appointment. By the Constitution of 1821, the Board of Supervisors were required to nominate, at their annual meeting, men for the office of justice in each town, and the Judges of the County Court were also required to make such nomination. If their nominations agreed, the persons thus nominated were duly declared elected. In case of disagreement, the choice was to be made from the two by the Governor. This mode did not prove satisfactory; and at the general election in November, 1826, an amendment of the constitution was adopted, making the office elective.

The following are the names of persons who have held the office of justice in this town. After the office became elective, justices, though elected at the town meetings, did not go into office until the 1st of January following:

- 1806 March 22, Elizur Webster.
- 1808 April 4, Elizur Webster.
- 1808 Jotham Curtis.
- 1809 March 11, William Bristol.
- 1810 March 15, Elkanah Day.
- 1811 March 23, William Bristol, (Jotham Curtis)
- 1812 March 10, Samuel McWhorter, Daniel Knapp, George W. Fox.
- 1813 March 30, Elizur Webster, Judge and Justice of the Peace.
- 1813 March 30, Edward Putnam.
- 1814 April 7, Elizur Webster, Judge and Justice of the Peace.
- 1814 April 7, Samuel Hough, Edward Putnam, Daniel Knapp.
- 1815 March 16, Elizur Webster, Judge and Justice of the Peace.
- 1815 March 16, Samuel Hough, Samuel McWhorter, Daniel Knapp.
- 1818 Samuel Hough, Samuel McWhorter, Daniel Knapp, James Webster.
- 1819 Edward Putnam.
- 1820 Zera Tanner, Elizur Webster.
- 1821 Daniel Knapp, Mayhew Safford, Chauncey Sheldon, Shubael Goodspeed.
- 1823 Samuel McWhorter, Daniel Knapp, Shubael Goodspeed, Lyman Morris, on nomination of the supervisors and judges. The two bodies having disagreed on James Crocker and Mr. Morris, the latter was appointed by the Governor.

There were several elections by the people before our record of town elections commences. Justices were elected for four years. Some of them, however, did not serve a full term, as will be seen from elections to fill vacancies.

## JUSTICES ELECTED.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1830 James Crocker.    | 1837 Elias R. Bascom.   |
| 1831 George W. Morris. | 1838 William Webster,   |
| 1832 Orson Hough.      | Alanson Holly.          |
| 1833 James Crocker.    | 1839 George W. Morris.  |
| 1834 William Webster.  | 1840 William K. Crooks. |
| 1835 Silas Kidder.     | 1841 William Buxton.    |
| 1836 Timothy Darling,  | 1842 William Webster.   |
| George W. Morris.      | 1843 Jacob W. Knapp.    |

1844	Roswell Gould.	1858	Philander Truesdell.
1845	Israel Hodge.	1859	Jacob W. Knapp.
1846	Alonzo Choate.	1860	Charles W. Bailey.
1847	Samuel Fisher, 2d.	1861	Gideon H. Jenkins.
1848	Leonard W. Smith.	1862	Philander Truesdell.
1849	Israel Hodge.	1862	Myron E. Bartlett, (vacancy.)
1850	Alonzo Choate.	1863	Erastus D. Day.
1851	Samuel Fisher, 2d.		Philander Truesdell, (vacancy.)
1852	Leonard W. Smith.	1864	Leonard W. Smith.
1853	Jacob W. Knapp,	1865	Jacob W. Knapp.
	J. W. Knapp, (vacancy.)	1866	Philander Truesdell.
1854	Philander Truesdell.		Lawrence Mix, (vacancy.)
1855	Ransom B. Crippen.	1867	Lawrence Mix.
1856	Erastus D. Day.	1868	Daniel N. Jincks.
1857	Leonard W. Smith.	1869	Jacob W. Knapp.

## SUPERVISORS.

The intervals between the successive dates show the number of years served by each.

1808	Elizur Webster.	1844	John Wilder.
1815	Chauncey L. Sheldon.	1845	William Webster.
1817	Solomon Morris, Jun.	1847	Andrew W. Young.
1824	Samuel McWhorter.	1848	Ashley Manville.
1826	Nehemiah Park, Jun.	1849	Timothy H. Buxton.
1827	Solomon Morris, Jun.	1850	Abel Webster.
1830	Samuel McWhorter.	1851	Allen Fargo.
1831	Paul Richards.	1852	Chauncey C. Buxton.
1832	Elijah Norton.	1854	Alonzo Choate.
1833	Paul Richards.	1856	Jacob W. Knapp.
1834	John Wilder.	1857	Alonzo W. Wood.
1835	John A. McElwain.	1858	Abel Webster.
1837	John Wilder.	1860	Henry Garretsee.
1838	Nehemiah Park, Jun.	1864	Roswell Gould.
1839	Solomon Morris, Jun.	1865	Gideon H. Jenkins.
1840	Elijah Norton.	1866	William D. Miner.
1841	Allen Fargo.	1867	Roswell Gould.
1842	Elijah Norton.	1868	John W. Sprague.

## TOWN CLERKS.

Our preserved records commence with the year 1831. The first Town Clerk is stated from the recollection of the old settlers.

1808	Samuel McWhorter.	1847	Eugene Z. Stow.
1831	Andrew W. Young.	1848	Ransom S. Watson.
1832	Almon Stevens.	1849	Francis F. Fargo.
1833	Abner A. Fisher.	1852	Benjamin F. Fargo.
1834	Orson Hough.	1853	Samuel A. Murray.
1835	Abner A. Fisher.	1855	Erastus D. Day.
1836	Alanson Holly.	1856	Samuel A. Murray.
1838	Edward Cornwall.	1857	Benjamin F. Fargo.
1839	Elias R. Bascom.	1859	Samuel A. Murray.
1841	Nathaniel D. Fisher.	1860	N. Jackson Morris.
1842	Linus W. Thayer.	1862	Wales Cheney.
1844	Andrew G. Hammond.	1869	Daniel N. Jincks.
1846	Chauncey C. Gates.		

## ASSESSORS.

1808	Richard Bristol, Gideon T. Jenkins, Ebenezer Wilson, Jun.
	[Records of the next 22 years lost.]
1831	William Webster, Amos M. Barnett, Allen Fargo.



1832	Nehemiah Park, Jun., Calvin Rumsey, Lyman Morris.		
1833	Abial Lathrop, Jun., Amos M. Barnett, Silas Kidder.		
1834	Andrew Blackman, Amos M. Barnett, Allen Fargo.		
1835	Andrew Blackman, Walter M. Hatch.		
1836	Andrew Blackman, Walter M. Hatch, John Windsor.		
1837	John Wilder, Walter M. Hatch, George W. Morris.		
1838	William Webster, Walter M. Hatch, George W. Morris.		
1839	Lyman Morris, Jacob Tillou, Jonas Cutting.		
1840	Lyman Morris, Ashley Manville, Allen Fargo.		
1841	John A. McElwain, Ashley Manville, Edwin Painter.		
1842	Ashley Manville, Newbury Bronson, Cyrus Tanner.		
1843	William Walker, Willard T. Warner, Cyrus Tanner.		
1844	Edmund Buck, Willard T. Warner, Allen Fargo.		
1845	Edmund Buck, John A. McElwain, Palmer Fargo.		
1846	Welcom Arnold, for 1 year, Ashley Manville, 2 years, Timothy H. Buxton, 3 years. Hereafter one Assessor to go out and one to be elected every year.		
1847	Welcom Arnold.	1859	Edwin Painter.
1848	Isaac Matthews.	1860	Benjamin Bishop.
1849	Allen Fargo.	1861	
1850	Henry Cummings.	1862	[not recorded.]
1851	Walter M. Hatch.	1863	Benjamin Bishop.
1852	Isaac C. Bronson.	1864	De Witt Aikin.
1853	Philander Truesdell.	1865	Simeon Holton.
1854	Walter M. Hatch.	1866	Benjamin Bishop.
1855	Jacob Wiggins.		Samuel Holton, (vac.)
1856	Edwin Painter.	1867	Silvanus E. Brady.
1857	Benjamin Bishop.		Timothy H. Buxton, (vac.)
	Willard T. Warner, (vac.)	1868	J. Ashley McCulloch.
1858	Willard T. Warner.	1869	Ormus Marshall.

## COLLECTORS.

1816	Jonas Cutting, 1 or 2 years.	1851	Simeon Holton.
1823	John Truesdell, 5 years.	1852	G. H. Truesdell.
1828	Elijah Norton, 2 years.	1852	John C. Holcomb.
1831	Elijah Norton.	1854	Frederick Van Liew.
1832	William Bingham.	1855	Gardner B. Johnson.
1833	Ackley Carter.	1856	Miles H. Morris.
1834	Samuel Hard.	1857	Chester A. Cole.
1839	Chauncey Z. Cutting.	1859	Elon G. Truesdell.
1841	Alonzo Choate.	1860	Stephens Whitcher.
1842	Chauncey Z. Cutting.	1862	Allen Y. Breck.
1845	Philander Truesdell.	1864	Gardner B. Johnson.
1847	Erasmus D. Carpenter.	1866	S. Hopkins Salisbury.
"	Eli Dibble, (app'd to fill vac.)	1867	David P. Rood.
1848	Eli Dibble.	1868	Robert Barnett, Jr.
1849	Allen Y. Breck.	1869	James Wilkin.

## COMMISSIONERS OF HIGHWAYS.

1831	David Ensign, Richard Jackson, Daniel H. Throop.
1832	Samuel McWhorter, Cyrus Tanner, Daniel H. Throop.
1833	Andrew Blackman, Allen Fargo, Richard Jackson.
1834	Isaac N. Phelps, John Truesdell, Noah Fisk.
1835	Isaac N. Phelps, Cyrus Tanner, Allen Fargo.
1836	William Webster, Benjamin Bishop, Allen Fargo.
1837	Benjamin Bishop, Allen Fargo, Elijah Norton.
1838	Ashley Manville, John A. McElwain, Oliver C. Chapman.
1839	John A. McElwain, Samuel Wilson, Cyrus Tanner.
1840	John A. McElwain, Willard T. Warner, Samuel Wilson.
1841	John A. McElwain, Otis F. Carpenter, Edmund Buck.
1842	Jacob Wiggins, Hezekiah Lincoln, Silas C. Fargo.



1843	Jacob Wiggins, Hezekiah Lincoln, Silas C. Fargo.	
1844	Ashley Manville, Walter M. Hatch, Samuel Fisher, 2d.	
1845	Alvah Bartholomew, Walter M. Hatch, Samuel Fisher, 2d.	
1846	Edmund Buck, 1 year, Samuel Fisher, 2 years, Palmer Fargo, 3 years.	
	[Hereafter one to be elected every year for 3 years.]	
1847	Edmund Buck.	1859 Luther Foster.
1848	John A. McElwain.	1860 Robert R. Munger.
1849	Samuel L. Kinney.	1861 Frank Miller.
1850	Francis Luce.	1862 Hiram Stearns.
1851	Welcom Arnold.	1863 Robert R. Munger.
1852	Edward Painter.	1864 Warren Thorp.
1853	Hiram Stearns.	[Hereafter none to be elected until after 3 years; then one every year for one year only.]
1854	Merrick Brigham.	
	Samuel L. Kinney, (to fill vac.)	
1855	Elijah W. Andrews.	1867 Robert R. Munger.
1856	Luther Foster.	1868 Edmund Buck.
1857	William F. Woodward.	1869 Benjamin Bishop.
1858	Frank Miller.	

## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

1831	William Patterson,	1842	Stephen Hatch,
	Samuel Salisbury.		Jonas Cutting.
1832	Jonas Cutting,	1843	Stephen Hatch,
	Lyman Morris.		David Fargo.
1833	William Webster,	1845	David Fargo,
	Sylvester Perkins.		George Stearns.
1834	Anson A. Perkins,		[After 1846, but one elected.]
	David Fargo.	1847	George Stearns.
1837	David Fargo,	1849	George W. Morris.
	Silas C. Fargo.	1850	George Stearns.
1838	David Fargo,	1852	Edmund Buck.
	William Webster.	1853	Silas C. Fargo.
1839	William Webster,	1854	Edmund Buck.
	William Walker.	1855	Elijah Norton.
1840	William G. Whitney,	1856	Elijah Chamberlain, Jun.
	Silas C. Fargo.	1857	Edmund Buck.
1841	David Fargo,	1863	Rollin R. Webster.
	Anson A. Perkins.	1869	John Truesdell.

## COMMISSIONERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

1831	Abial Lathrop, Jun., Horace Hollister, Paul Richards.
1832	Abial Lathrop, Jun., William Walker, William G. Whitney.
1833	William Patterson, Horace Hollister, Noah Fisk.
1834	Horace Hollister, Arden Woodruff, Nathaniel Moss.
1835	Broughton W. Crane, William Patterson, Benjamin Jewett.
1837	Broughton W. Crane, Charles J. Judd, Alanson Holly.
1838	Orson Hough, Alanson Holly.
1839	Arden Woodruff, Alanson Holly, Charles W. Belden.
1840	Peter Caner, George W. Morris, Cyrus Tanner.
1841	Broughton W. Crane, Alanson Holly, Benjamin Bishop.
1842	Luther Foster, Jun., Samuel Wilson, Alanson Holly.
1843	Luther Foster, Jun., James R. Doolittle, Francis S. Bristol.

[Office abolished.]

## INSPECTORS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

1831	James Crocker, Seth S. Ransom, Andrew W. Young.
1832	Almon Stevens, Isaac C. Bronson, Joshua H. Darling.
1833	Ethan E. Bartlett, Alden C. Keith, James Crocker.
1834	Ethan E. Bartlett, Alden C. Keith, Joshua H. Darling.
1835	Not recorded.

- 1836 Andrew W. Young, Arden Woodruff, Alanson Holly.  
 1837 Arden Woodruff, Alanson Holly, Timothy Darling.  
 1838 Andrew W. Young, Alanson Holly, Charles J. Judd.  
 1839 Charles W. Belden, Alanson Holly, Thomas P. Baldwin.  
 1840 Thomas P. Baldwin, Nathan Raymond, Daniel H. Gibson.  
 1841 Alanson Holly, Sanford L. Boughton, Joab Streeter.  
 1842 James R. Doolittle, Daniel H. Gibson.  
 1843 Rowley Morris, Daniel H. Gibson.

[Offices of Commissioners and Inspectors of Common Schools abolished, and the office of Town Superintendent substituted.]

#### SUPERINTENDENTS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1844 Alanson Holly.                                | 1852 Harlow L. Comstock.                                             |
| 1847 Francis F. Fargo.                             | 1854 Andrew W. Young.                                                |
| 1848 Alanson Holly.<br>[Term extended to 2 years.] | [Office abolished, and duties devolved upon District Commissioners.] |
| 1850 Charles J. Judd.                              |                                                                      |

#### CONSTABLES.

- 1831 Elijah Norton, John A. McElwain, Roswell Gould.  
 1832 David Seymour, Harry J. Parker, William Bingham.  
 1833 Ackley Carter, Samuel Hard, Daniel W. Bennet.  
 1834 Harry J. Parker, Samuel Hard, Alden Keith, Jun.  
 1835 Samuel Hard, Abel Webster, Eber Inglesby.  
 1836 Samuel Hard, Eber Inglesby, Elizur Webster, Jun.  
 1837 Samuel Hard, Eber Inglesby, Ethel V. Bronson.  
 1838 Samuel Hard, Eber Inglesby, Corbin Allen.  
 1839 Chauncey Z. Cutting, Martin Kingsley, Hiram C. Smith.  
 1840 Chauncey Z. Cutting, Daniel H. Gibson, Robert M. Buck.  
 1841 Alonzo Choate, Erasmus D. Carpenter, Samuel Fisher.  
 1842 Chauncey Z. Cutting, Erasmus D. Carpenter, Allen D. Fargo.  
 1843 Chauncey Z. Cutting, Allen D. Fargo, Hiram E. Adams.  
 1844 Chauncey Z. Cutting, Philander Truesdell, David Shedd.  
 1845 Philander Truesdell, Erasmus D. Carpenter, Robert M. Buck.  
 1846 Philander Truesdell, Erasmus D. Carpenter, William Morris.  
 1847 David M. Fargo, Peter R. Warren, Eli Dibble.  
 1848 Eli Dibble, Albert Lincoln, Peter R. Warren.  
 1849 Allen Y. Breck, Albert Lincoln, John F. Clark.  
 1850 John M. Fargo, Albert Lincoln, John C. Holcomb.  
 1851 Simeon Holton, John C. Holcomb, George H. Truesdell.  
 1852 George H. Truesdell, John C. Holcomb, John M. Fargo.  
 1853 John C. Holcomb, Albert Lincoln, Frederick Van Liew.  
 1854 Frederick Van Liew, Jeremiah Ensign, Luke Putnam, Allen D. Fargo, Samuel A. Barrass.  
 1855 Frederick Van Liew, Jeremiah Ensign, John C. Holcomb, Ira N. Hurd, Gardner B. Johnson.  
 1856 Frederick Van Liew, Elon G. Truesdell, Henry S. Young, John C. Holcomb, Lafayette Stearns.  
 1857 Chester A. Cole, William F. Morris, Jacob Sherwin, Moses Chandler, Elon G. Truesdell.  
 1858 Chester A. Cole, Jacob Sherwin, Elon G. Truesdell, Samuel Fluker, George W. Seeley.  
 1859 Elon G. Truesdell, Frederick Van Liew, Orville B. Wiggins, Robert M. Buck, Stephens Whitcher.  
 1860 Stephens Whitcher, Myron E. Bartlett, Nelson Slocum, Jacob Sherwin, Isaac T. Carr.  
 1861 Stephens Whitcher, William H. H. Fargo, William J. Cochran, Mills Webster, Alfred W. Hoyt.  
 1862 Wm. H. H. Fargo, James W. Cochran, Gardner B. Johnson, Mills Webster, Allen Y. Breck.

- 1863 Allen Y. Breck, Gardner B. Johnson, Mills Webster, George W. Root, Jacob Sherwin.  
 1864 Gardner B. Johnson, Mills Webster, Byron L. Stearns, Ransom S. Hatch, George W. Root.  
 1865 Gardner B. Johnson, Byron L. Stearns, Almon Cummings, William M. Stearns, Henry Hovey.  
 1866 S. Hopkins Salisbury, Gardner B. Johnson, Byron L. Stearns, Eugene Stearns.  
 1867 David P. Rood, Edwin G. Truesdell, S. Hopkins Salisbury, Gardner B. Johnson, George W. Root.  
 1868 George W. Root, Robert Barnett, Jun., Dewitt C. Munger, Edwin G. Truesdell, George Scranton.  
 1869 George W. Root, S. Hopkins Salisbury, Robert Barnett, Jr., Edwin G. Truesdell, William W. Stearns.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Names of Persons engaged in the several Occupations, Professional and Mechanical, in Warsaw, January 1st, 1869.

## ACADEMY.

Charles H. Dann, Principal.

## ARTIST.

Miss Lizzie Slade.

## BANK.

National Bank of Wyoming Co.

Joshua H. Darling, President,  
 Horace A. Metcalf, Cashier.

## BARBER.

William Burghart.

## BARREL MANUFACTURERS.

R. T. Howard & Co.

## BAKER.

Sylvester B. Norton.

## BLACKSMITHS.

T. H. Buxton & Co.,  
 Knapp, Fullington & Co.,  
 J. Hohenstein,  
 Joseph Turner,  
 Almon Wilcox.

## BOARDING-HOUSE.

Mrs. E. M. Lemon.

## BOOT AND SHOE STORES.

Edwin A. Miller,  
 R. Justison,  
 John Curry,  
 Smith & Hurlburt.

## BOOKSELLER.

Lewis E. Walker.

## BRICK MANUFACTURERS.

Ethan E. Bartlett.  
 Farman & Frank.

## BROOM MANUFACTURERS.

Calvin L. Fuller.

## BUILDERS.

James E. Ketchum,  
 Patterson Manufacturing Co.,  
 Eli W. Bradish.

## CABINET MAKERS.

Edward C. Shattuck,  
 Moses S. Osgood,  
 J. Spencer Bartlett.

## CARPENTERS.

James E. Ketchum,  
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## CENSUS STATISTICS.

1830	Population of Warsaw, ..	2,474	1855	Population of Warsaw, ..	2,794
1835	"	"	1860	"	"
1840	"	"			2,958
1845	"	"	1865	Males, .....	1,399,
1850	"	"		Females, .....	1,432,
				Total, .....	2,831

The village has steadily increased. The farming population of the town has decreased, owing to constant removals West; many farmers selling their lands to their more wealthy neighbors.

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Acres of land improved, 1865, ..	17,144	Bushels of Spring Wheat, .....	49,080
" " unimproved, .....	4,569	Tons of Hay, .....	6,140
Number of dwellings, .....	592	Bushels of Potatoes, .....	25,700
Families, .....	604	Bushels of Apples, .....	33,000
Children taught in the schools, ..	724	Pounds of Butter, .....	86,820
Horses and Cattle, .....	2,250	Pounds of Cheese, .....	93,517
Neat cattle, other than cows, ..	572	Pounds of Wool, .....	58,085
Cows, .....	1,008	Yards of Domestic Manufacture, ..	1,198
Swine, .....	876	Pounds of Pork made, .....	121,911
Sheep and Lambs, .....	16,058	Miles of Public Road, .....	74
Bushels of Winter Wheat, .....	2,032		

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## DISTANCES,

From Warsaw to the several Post-Offices in Wyoming County. The fractional figure signifies *tenths* of a mile.

Arcade, .....	24.6	Orangeville Center, .....	6.1
Attica, .....	13.5	Pearl Creek, .....	8.9
Bennington Center, .....	18.4	Peoria, .....	13.6
Castile, .....	11.2	Perry, .....	8.3
Covington, .....	11.1	Perry Center, .....	6.5
Cowlesville, .....	21.5	Pike, .....	13.2
Eagle, .....	16.2	Portageville, .....	14.6
Eagle Village, .....	19.0	St. Helena, .....	14.0
East Gainesville, .....	6.8	Sheldon Centre, .....	13.2
East Pike, .....	10.6	Smith's Corners, .....	11.8
Gainesville, .....	6.8	South Warsaw, .....	2.0
Hermitage, .....	9.6	Strykersville, .....	18.5
Java Center, .....	17.8	Varysburgh, .....	9.9
Java Village, .....	18.8	West Middlebury, .....	6.4
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## CORRECTIONS.

Page 92. The name "Charles E. Williams" should be Charles A. Williams.

Page 101. "Samuel Miller, 2d," should be Samuel Fisher, 2d.

Page 130. 11th line from bottom, the date of "March, 1855" should be March, 1858.

Page 147. President Lincoln was assassinated April 14, 1865, not 1864, as there stated.

Page 165. For "Lindsey" read *Lindsley*.

Page 171, 5th line. "Edward A. Miller" should be *Edwin A. Miller*.

Page 221. For "J. C. Bills" read *J. E. Bills*.

Page 251, Sketch of Ransom B. Crippen. He is said to have had *four children*; and the names purporting to be the names of these children strangely happen to be the names of his eldest son and his three children. The Sketch should end thus:

They had ten children, besides one who died in infancy: Ransom A., whose sketch is given; Charles H., who married Grace Crawford, and lives at Varysburg; Harriet A. F.; Mary A. R., who married E. J. Story, and resides in Syracuse; William H., in Detroit, married; Martha; Ellen E., who died Dec., 1866, aged 26; Rosina and Rosalie, twin sisters, the latter died Jan., 1865, aged 22; Alvira V., who married H. V. Colton, Washington. The three unmarried daughters, Harriet, Martha, and Rosina, reside in Washington.

Page 274, line 5. For "Mr. Gibson" read *Mrs. Gibson*.

Page 292. Sketch of Ashley Manville. For "Joseph Ashley" read *Joseph Ashley McCulloch*.

Page 338. The children of Warren Morgan should have been thus mentioned: Charles, Emma, *and one who died in infancy*.

Page 344. Mary A. Walker married William M. Cowgill, not "Cogswell." Nor was he a teacher.

Immediately after, for "Charles B." read Charles.

Lewis E. Walker, same page, born *May* 15, not July.

## OMISSIONS SUPPLIED.

## MERCHANTS.

In the List of the Merchants of this town, [pages 80-84.] the names of the following were omitted:

Nehemiah Park, Jun., father of Nehemiah Park, of this village, established a store in South Warsaw, in 1814, or the year following, which was continued a year or more.

Judd & Moseley commenced trade in 1836. [See Sketch of Charles J. Judd.]

Of the following merchants and firms, all, except the last four, and perhaps one or two others, were merchants here twenty to thirty years ago:

John H. Bailey, by his agent, Elias R. Bascom; Sheldon & Norton; Benjamin F. Sheldon; Theron Fisk; Nathan Raymond, partner of Dr. Augustus Frank; Ethel V. Bronson; C. B. Carrington; James Wadsworth; Lansing & Crippen; Day & Crippen; Ransom A. Crippen; Selden C. Allis.

## PHYSICIANS.

In copying the List of Physicians, [pages 123, 124.] the name of Dr. Burt B. Roberts, at present a practicing Physician in this village, was inadvertently omitted.







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